**The President and Federal Power**

*Watch the video “Presidential Power: Crash Course Government and Politics.” As you are watching, answer the questions as you go. Watch the video*

**Definitions**

Executive Branch- One of three branches of the federal government, this branch is led by the president, and primary responsible for implementing and enforcing the nation’s laws.

Informal powers- Powers explicitly granted to the president in the Constitution.

Formal Powers- Powers that not mentioned in the Constitution, but that presidents have adopted over time.

Implement- To make happen, to put a decision, agreement or law into action.

While watching:

1. Pause at (2:03): Who can become president, according to the Constitution?

2 Pause at (2:28): Who actually elects the president (hint: not the people)? Why don’t the

people directly elect the president?

3. Pause at (3:09): Name at least three of the five types of power the president has. (Bonus if

you get all five!)

4. Pause at (3:55): What is the first job of government, according to the video?

5. Pause at (4:37): Name one of the diplomatic powers of the president.

6. Pause at (5:02): How does the State of the Union speech make the president more powerful?

7. Pause at (5:28): What are two specific powers of the president mentioned in the video?

8. Pause at (5:50): Why did the framers of the Constitution only give the president limited

formal powers? What were they worried about?