

U.S. Government
How Presidential Powers Have Expanded

For this exercise, you and your group members will use the Cherry Creek Library Databases to research specific examples of some of the mechanisms by which presidents have taken extraordinary powers and ways in which those powers have been challenged. You will research examples of one of the following: Signing Statements, Executive Orders, Executive Agreements, or Executive Privilege. Follow the instructions below to create a 10 minute Googledocs presentation about your findings:

1. Find and summarize a presidential action that was accepted and supported by Congress and/or the American People as necessary for the particular circumstances that the country faced. Include justifications for this presidential action.
2. Find and summarize a presidential action that was challenged by Congress and/or the American People as over-reaching for the particular circumstances that the country faced. Include justifications for the presidential action and the reasons these were challenged.

(Suggested Cherry Creek Databases to use include Britannica Online, Global Issues in Context, CQ Researcher, Gale Online Resources, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Points of View. You may use any of the Databases and you will need to cite your sources)

3. Find a political cartoon that expresses either the justification for the presidential action or a challenge to it.

(Suggested sites include: politicalcartoons.com, intoon.com, or any major newspaper's published cartoons)

Your presentation should include **titles and bullet-points only** to summarize information. You can design your pages and augment with pictures as you like. You will be permitted to use notes to give details verbally to the class. You may copy and paste the political cartoon you find.

Rubric

Completeness	up to 20 points
Accuracy	up to 20 points
Aesthetics and mechanics of visuals	up to 10 points
Political cartoon	up to 5 points
Works Cited page (print this)	<u>up to 5 points</u>
TOTAL	up to 60 points