

So you want to be President
Word Bank

1. All have been male.
2. 35 years old
3. 14-year resident of the U.S.
4. All have been Protestant except for one (1)
5. Natural born citizen
6. All have been white except for one (1)
7. College Educated
8. All have been married except for one (1)
9. Belong to a major party
10. Most have been wealthy
11. Experience in the military
12. A lot of them have past government experience and are lawyers
13. Well Spoken
14. Radio
15. Decent looking
16. Internet
17. Television
18. Photographs

Name: _____ Date: _____ Hour: _____

So you want to be President?

“A president either is constantly on top of events or, if he hesitates events will soon be on top of him. I never felt that I could let up for a single moment.”

- Harry S. Truman

Constitutional Qualifications to be President:

1. Age: _____ – Almost all have been over the age of 50.



2. _____ – Born on U.S. soil or born to American citizens




3. _____

Unwritten Qualifications – Similarities among our Presidents that have been elected

1.  _____

2. Race – _____

3.  Religion – _____

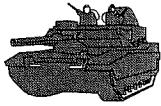
4. _____ 

5.  Married – _____

6.  Past Work Experiences – _____



7. Education – Most have been _____



8. _____
– Only 12 presidents have not had some sort of military experience



9. _____
Only George Washington did not belong to a party.

Unwritten Qualifications in the Modern Era

1. _____ – Not necessarily attractive but appearances do help presidential candidates.



2. _____ – everyone in the country hears the words of the president. The inability to communicate effectively through speeches and appearances on television and radio could cost you the presidency.

What has made the qualifications for president change in the Modern Era?



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

Question to think about – _____

So You Want to be President?

1. Which of the unwritten qualifications to be President are most important to you in selection someone to be the leader of our country? Why? (Choose 3 of the nine listed)

A.

B.

C.

2. Why are the unwritten qualifications in the modern era important in election a President:

3. How has the media changed the qualifications for President?

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Define:

1. Veto: _____
2. Pardon: _____
3. Cabinet: _____
4. Article: _____
5. Primary: _____
6. Election: _____
7. Credibility: _____
8. Convention: _____
9. Caucus: _____
10. Executive: _____
11. Privilege: _____
12. Evolve: _____

Select eight (8) words above and write complete sentences using at least five (5) words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____