

Presidential Cabinet Project

TASK #1 Create your own personal cabinet of advisers for yourself like the United States President.

Directions: Select specific people you feel would be effective advisers for all 15 cabinet departments. Relate each department's purpose to your personal life. All of your chosen advisers need not be someone you know, but each should be qualified to give advice in their area. Write a short description of what the duties of each cabinet secretary would be and why the person you selected would be a good match. You may only select 5 from our school. Make sure and select advisers for all 15 cabinet positions.

Secretary of State

Secretary of the Treasury

Secretary of Defense

Attorney General (Dept of Justice)

Secretary of the Interior

Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary of Commerce

Secretary of Labor

Secretary of Health & Human Services

Secretary of Housing & Urban

Development

Secretary of Transportation

Secretary of Energy

Secretary of Education

Secretary of Veterans' Affairs

Secretary of Homeland Security

**Use pages 276-279 in the US Government book to learn what each cabinet is responsible for.

Example:

Secretary of Agriculture: Mark Reeves,

Current position: Roommate

Duties: Advise me on what the best foods are to eat and how to shop/cook effectively.

Qualifications: Mark knows fruits and vegetables very well. He creates tasty drinks with his juicer for me every day. He also has an excellent garden plot that successfully grows 15 different plants. He is well informed on how things grow, and which foods are good to cook with each other. He will help me learn how to grill my steak so it tastes great and how to find the best prices for food at the different markets around town. Mark would also be a good Agriculture because of his 7 years work as a restaurant waiter.

TASK #2: Select **five** of the key current issues the United States is currently facing. Write a paragraph on each one briefly discussing what each issue is about, and what you would do if you were US President and had 100 days to work on it. Include which cabinet advisers you would call upon to help you successfully handle each issue.

Example:

Issue: Illegal Immigration Reform

Illegal immigration reform is concerned with how the US government should handle the thousands of people who come into our country from other countries. If I were US president, I would work to see that all of these people were given an opportunity to register with the government and pay taxes on the jobs that they work at. This would help people not get taken advantage of, and help pay for the government services they use while they are living in our country. I would need the advice of the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce.