

Viewing Guide Answer Key

The Importance of an Executive's Character with Lara Brown & Major Garrett

Directions: As you view the video, answer the following questions.

1. What two ideas interested Lara Brown in the Presidency?

Character and leadership

2. What inspired Major Garrett to be interested in the government?

His cousin's service in Vietnam or the bicentennial celebration of the United States in 1976

3. What does Lara say the details of the presidency were intended to do?

Restrain the powers of the president

4. Major says Presidents _____ and Congress _____

Presidents propose and Congress disposes

5. What does Question 4's phrase mean?

Congress has more powers than the President. The president can only respond to what Congress does.

6. How does Lara say Washington portrayed his service in the military while president?

He downplayed it in order to emphasize that civilians were in charge of the government.

7. Major's statement "Stroke of the pen, law of the land" was in reference to what?

Executive orders

8. In your own words, what is a mandate?

Accept reasoned responses. Example: It is the president's interpretation of the public will. They are claimed by the president to work towards the goals laid out in their campaign.

9. What year of the presidency do Major and Lara say is highly significant?

Year three

10. Major notes that presidents now have a role in consoling the nation in times of crisis. In your own words, describe what that means.

Accept reasoned responses. Example: He means that the president must be there as a citizen, ready to comfort and listen to their constituents in moments of national difficulty.