**POWERS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE PRESEIDENCY**

**Powers**

1. Controlling the bureaucracy

*President is the boss! He controls 3 million people. The support*

*his agenda.*

2. Appointing Officials

3. Emergency Powers

*In times of war, or disaster. Gets 500 special powers. Has tremendous resources at his disposal.*

4. Proposing and Vetoing Legislation

5. Preparing the Budget

6. Negotiating Treaties and Controlling Diplomacy

*He decides what our relations with certain nations will be, or if we*

*will even have relations. Can influence other nations.*

7. Acting as Commander in Chief

8. Distributing Patronage- *Money and favors.*

*He controls who gets $$$ and certain jobs. Can be use to gain*

*Influence.*

9. Providing Party Leadership

*Heads the party. Gets support and allies to help promote his*

*Agenda.*

10. Controlling Information from the Executive Branch

*Tells what he wants, when, and how.*

**Limitations**

1. Difficulty of Managing the bureaucracy

2. Influence of Public Opinion

*If country opposes his policies, or if he is unpopular, that can*

*influence what he is able to do.*

3. Power of the Courts

4. Power of Congress

5. Outside Military, Economic, and Political Forces.

*Can't control what happens in other countries. But these can impact what we do, or what he must do.*

6. Influence of special Interest Groups

*Can influence president. Might rally against him or his policies.*

*Can campaign against him or his agenda.*

7. Danger of Nuclear Confrontation

8. Incomplete, Biased, or Incorrect Information

9. Power of the Press

10. Domestic Political Problems- *The other party. Things he can't control, like disasters, or certain economic problems.*