**Chapter 14-The Presidency in Action**

**Vocabulary Terms**

* **Clemency**-An act by an executive member of government of extending mercy to a convicted individual. It often takes one of three forms: a reprieve, a commutation of sentence, or a pardon.
* **Executive Agreement**- An agreement between the heads of government of two or more nations that has not been ratified by the legislature.
* **Executive Order**- Directives, rules or regulations that have the effects of laws.
* **Executive Privilege**- The power claimed by the President of the United States and other members of the executive branch to resist certain subpoenas and other interventions by the legislative and judicial branches of government to access information and personnel relating to the executive branch.
* **Imperial Presidency**- A term, used to describe an administration where the US presidency was out of control and that it had exceeded the constitutional limits.
* **Line-item Veto**- Sometimes referred to as “partial veto” this is a special type of veto that authorizes a chief executive to reject particular provisions of a bill enacted by a legislature without vetoing the entire bill.
* **Pardon**- A deceleration of legal forgiveness for a crime.
* **Persona non grata**- This term is used when the President is unhappy with a certain nation he can call for that nation’s ambassador or other diplomatic representatives to be recalled declaring them unwelcomed.
* **Pocket Veto**- A legislative maneuver that allows a president or other official with veto power to exercise that power over a bill by taking no action (instead of affirmatively vetoing it).
* **Treaty**-A formally concluded and ratified agreement between countries.