

## Handouts D–E Answer Keys

### Handout D: Executive Comparison Answer Key

1. Recent colonial experience had led members of the Second Continental Congress to be suspicious of the abuses of power committed by the king of Great Britain, a strong executive.
2. Article II of the Constitution creates a strong executive, who is not a member of the Congress, and who holds office for four years. The president is not chosen by the Congress but by the voters through a unique body that has come to be called the Electoral College. Section 2 of Article II details the powers of the president, making this individual the commander in chief of the military and the leader of foreign policy, among other responsibilities.
3. The challenges experienced due to a weak central government caused leading Americans to see the need for a strong but limited chief executive.

### Handout E: Committee of Detail—Executive Power Answer Key

	August 6 Committee of Detail Report	Article II, U.S. Constitution
1. Single or plural executive	Single	Single
2. Term of office	7 years	4 years
3. Method of election	By legislature	By electors chosen by voters
4. Reelection	No	Yes
5. State of the Union report	Same	Same
6. Responsibility to faithfully execute the law	Same	Same
7. Appointment of officials	Similar	Similar
8. Receiving ambassadors	Same	Same
9. Power to grant reprieves and pardons	Same	Same
10. Removal by impeachment	Similar	Similar