

## Handout 2: Developing Criteria to Judge a President's Record in Foreign Affairs

### Part 1: Aligning Power to the Constitution

**Directions:** In order to assess the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt's foreign policy, it is important to know what powers the US Constitution assigns to the president vis-à-vis other branches of government.

Look up the following sections of the Constitution of the United States and indicate on the chart the branch that possesses the power.

- Powers of Congress: Article I, Section 8
- Powers of the President: Article II, Sections 2 and 3

Remember that the Constitution balances the power of different branches of government such that one branch may be given a power that is "checked" by the power of another branch.

Who Has the Power?	President	Congress (Which house or houses? By majority vote or a vote of 2/3?)
Declare war		
Regulate commerce with other nations		
Raise an army and navy		
Command the armed forces		
Make treaties with foreign nations		
Appoint advisors ambassadors (including secretary of state)		
Receive foreign dignitaries		