Choosing the President

Lesson 1  Presidential Qualifications and Leadership

Review Questions

A. Main Idea
   1. Constitution, 35
   2. experience
   3. moderate
   4. European, middle
   5. financial

B. Main Idea
   1. public, influence
   2. support
   3. timing
   4. compromise
   5. courage, parties

Summary and Reflection

The requirements for president listed in the Constitution are that the president must be a natural-born U.S. citizen, at least 35 years old, and a resident of the U.S. at least 14 years before taking office. However, informal requirements include experience in government, moderate political views, and access to strong financial support. Successful presidents also have good leadership qualities including an understanding of the American public, the ability to communicate effectively and to compromise, a keen sense of timing, and political courage.