Civics is all around us. There is a lot to know about the government and how “We the People” interact with the government and each other. Let’s help each other expand our civic literacy.

Even in times of crisis, as we face now with the COVID-19/Novel coronavirus pandemic, the Constitution lives on and civic life moves forward. This includes the president working to fill vacant positions in the executive branch.

According to Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, the president has the power to "...nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States…"

To Do and To Think: Look at the Appointment Process graphic. What stands out to you about the process? Which step do you think might cause the nominee the most difficulty and why? What questions do you have?

Learn MORE about the nomination process. Free registration may be required.

- The Cabinet of President Donald Trump, from The White House
- Articles I, II and III, from Civics360.org
- Nominations, from the U.S. Senate