**Task:**

Using reputable news sources, find 7 news articles detailing actions taken by President Obama that demonstrate his work as President. Fill in the requested information for each role, and then answer the reflection questions. Delete these instructions (and the sample) and replace them with your name and class period number. Turn in a printed copy of your responses (be sure to print 2-sided!). An example has been done for you over the actions of former President Bush.

**EXAMPLE:**

**Head of State**

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| **Source**:New York Times | **Date**:April 9, 2008 | **URL** http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/09/washington/09medal.html?\_r=0 |
| **Headline:** Bush Gives Medal of Honor to Slain Navy Seals Member |
| **2 Sentence Summary:** President Bush presided over a ceremony to award Navy Seal Michael Monsoor with the nation’s highest honor, posthumously. Monsoor earned the award by jumping onto a grenade to save his fellow soldiers, losing his own life in the process. |
| **How is President Bush demonstrating the role of Head of State in this article?**President Bush represents the American nation as he gives this award, a symbol of our country’s gratitude and pride in its recipient. |

**Chief Executive**

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| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Chief Executive in this article?** |

**Commander in Chief**

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| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Commander in Chief in this article?** |

**Head of State**

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| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Head of State in this article?** |

**Director of Foreign Policy**

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| **2 Sentence Summary:** |
| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Director of Foreign Policy in this article?** |

**Head of Political Party**

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| **2 Sentence Summary:** |
| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Head of Party in this article?** |

**Economic Guardian**

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| **2 Sentence Summary:** |
| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Economic Guardian in this article?** |

**Legislative Leader**

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| **2 Sentence Summary:** |
| **How is President Obama demonstrating the role of Legislative Leader in this article?** |

**OVERALL:**

**Which of the 7 “hats” of the Presidency do you think is the most important? Why?**

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**Which of the 7 “hats” does President Obama “wear” best? (In which area is he most effective?) Why?**

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**Which of the 7 “hats” does President Obama struggle the most with? (In which area is he least effective?) Why?**

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