**U.S. Foreign Policy...**

… is this country’s actions, words, and beliefs towards other countries.

The main goals of our foreign policy is to:

 protect America and Americans

 support economic growth and human rights around the world

 increase support for American values like democracy and freedom

Most often, the President and executive branch initiate our foreign policy responses to world events and work with the legislative branch to carry out those responses.

**Foreign Aid...**

… is the help or assistance that we give to other countries, usually through our Department of State.

The main goal of our foreign aid is to create friendships abroad and foster future trading partners.

Foreign aid comes in many forms. The most common are

 economic, like money

 military, like soldiers helping after a disaster

 advice, like how to create a democracy

**Military...**

… is this country’s troops, led by our President who is called the Commander-in-Chief.

The main goal of our military is to prevent war and protect the United States.

The Department of Defense is made up of the following branches:

 Army

 Navy

 Air Force

 Marines

**Treaties...**

… are a formal agreement between countries that, like laws, must be followed.

The President is responsible for negotiating and signing treaties. All treaties must be approved by 2/3rds of the Senate.

An example:

Countries form an alliance through signing a treaty. This treaty says that if one of the countries is attached, the others will step in to protect each other.