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| Harry S. Truman (1945 - 1953) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3963 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Legislation | (1) | military role in charge of artillery |
| (C) | Inaugurated | (2) | end racial segregation |
| (D) | Desegregate | (3) | official government policy |
| (E) | Artillery officer | (4) | formally admitted to office |
| (I) | Peacetime | (5) | laws enacted by a government |
| (N) | Wartime | (6) | US aid program for Europe |
| (O) | Vice Presidency | (7) | period without war |
| (T) | Marshall Plan | (8) | second highest executive office |
| (U) | Doctrine | (9) | period during war |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (A) | He grew up ... | (1) | ... was born in Missouri. |
| (A) | Truman became vice president ... | (2) | ... in a farming family. |
| (E) | Truman announced ... | (3) | ... in the U.S. Army. |
| (G) | He was inaugurated ... | (4) | ... to the U.S. Senate. |
| (S) | Harry S. Truman ... | (5) | ... under Franklin D. Roosevelt. |
| (S) | He was elected ... | (6) | ... as president in 1945. |
| (U) | Truman served ... | (7) | ... the Truman Doctrine in 1947. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Truman’s profession before his political career? |
| (C) | farmer |
| (R) | doctor |
| (V) | lawyer |
| 2. | What was Truman’s military rank during World War I? |
| (A) | naval officer |
| (H) | artillery officer |
| (S) | infantry soldier |
| 3. | When did Truman become president? |
| (E) | 1945 |
| (N) | 1946 |
| (R) | 1944 |
| 4. | What policy did Truman announce in 1947? |
| (E) | Truman Doctrine |
| (R) | New Deal |
| (V) | Marshall Plan |
| 5. | What did Truman do to promote racial equality? |
| (A) | passed the Civil Rights Act |
| (D) | established affirmative action |
| (S) | desegregated the armed forces |
| 6. | What is Truman’s legacy? |
| (E) | decisive and courageous leader |
| (R) | controversial and divisive figure |
| (V) | unpopular and ineffective president |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (M) | (V) | 1. Harry S. Truman was born in Missouri. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Truman was not born in Kansas. |
| (R) | (S) | 3. Truman did not serve in the Navy. |
| (S) | (R) | 4. Truman served in the U.S. Army. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Truman became president in 1945. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Truman became president in 1944. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What was Truman’s early life like?

What was Truman’s military service?

What was Truman’s political career before the presidency?

What was Truman’s vice presidency like?

What were the challenges Truman faced when he became president?

What was the Truman Doctrine?

What is Truman’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Harry S. Truman (1945 - 1953)**

**Match terms**

Artillery officer = military role in charge of artillery

Desegregate = end racial segregation

Doctrine = official government policy

Inaugurated = formally admitted to office

Legislation = laws enacted by a government

Marshall Plan = US aid program for Europe

Peacetime = period without war

Vice Presidency = second highest executive office

Wartime = period during war

Keyword: EDUCATION

**Complete sentences**

Harry S. Truman | was born in Missouri.

He grew up | in a farming family.

Truman served | in the U.S. Army.

He was elected | to the U.S. Senate.

Truman became vice president | under Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was inaugurated | as president in 1945.

Truman announced | the Truman Doctrine in 1947.

Keyword: SAUSAGE

**Questions**

What was Truman’s profession before his political career?

farmer

What was Truman’s military rank during World War I?

artillery officer

When did Truman become president?

1945

What policy did Truman announce in 1947?

Truman Doctrine

What did Truman do to promote racial equality?

desegregated the armed forces

What is Truman’s legacy?

decisive and courageous leader

Keyword: CHEESE

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Harry S. Truman was born in Missouri.

4. Truman served in the U.S. Army.

5. Truman became president in 1945.

wrong

6. Truman became president in 1944.

2. Truman was not born in Kansas.

3. Truman did not serve in the Navy.

Keyword: MIRROR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Harry S. Truman (1945 - 1953)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Truman’s early life like?

Truman was born in Missouri and grew up in a farming family. He worked on the family farm and developed a strong work ethic.

What was Truman’s military service?

Truman served in the U.S. Army as an artillery officer during World War I. He was stationed in France and saw combat.

What was Truman’s political career before the presidency?

Truman was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1934 and served until 1945. He was a member of the Democratic Party and supported the New Deal policies.

What was Truman’s vice presidency like?

Truman became vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. He learned about important issues including World War II and domestic policies.

What were the challenges Truman faced when he became president?

Truman faced the challenge of ending World War II and rebuilding Europe. He also had to deal with domestic issues like labor strikes and inflation.

What was the Truman Doctrine?

The Truman Doctrine was a policy announced by Truman in 1947. It aimed to contain the spread of communism by supporting countries resisting communist influence.

What is Truman’s legacy?

Truman is remembered as a decisive and courageous leader. His presidency was marked by significant events and his commitment to civil rights and economic recovery had a lasting impact on the nation.