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| James Buchanan (1857 - 1861) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3948 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (E) | Inaugurated | (1) | a town in Pennsylvania |
| (E) | Bachelor | (2) | a college in Pennsylvania |
| (F) | Democratic Party | (3) | one of the major U.S. political parties |
| (I) | Dickinson College | (4) | formally admitted to office |
| (L) | Mercersburg | (5) | 1857 Supreme Court ruling |
| (L) | Memoir | (6) | territories decide on slavery |
| (S) | Dred Scott decision | (7) | withdrawal from the Union |
| (T) | Popular sovereignty | (8) | a personal account or biography |
| (Y) | Secession | (9) | an unmarried man |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He studied law ... | (1) | ... was born in Pennsylvania. |
| (C) | His presidency began ... | (2) | ... at Dickinson College. |
| (E) | The Dred Scott decision ... | (3) | ... member of the Democratic Party. |
| (F) | James Buchanan ... | (4) | ... with high hopes for unity. |
| (S) | He wrote a memoir ... | (5) | ... deepened the North-South divide. |
| (T) | Buchanan supported popular sovereignty ... | (6) | ... in the territories. |
| (U) | Buchanan was a ... | (7) | ... defending his presidency. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was James Buchanan’s profession before his presidency? |
| (J) | a lawyer |
| (R) | a soldier |
| (V) | a businessman |
| 2. | What was one of the significant events during Buchanan’s presidency? |
| (A) | Dred Scott decision |
| (B) | Gettysburg Address |
| (S) | Emancipation Proclamation |
| 3. | What did Buchanan support in the territories? |
| (C) | popular sovereignty |
| (N) | forced labor |
| (R) | total abolition of slavery |
| 4. | What happened during Buchanan’s presidency? |
| (K) | secession crisis |
| (R) | Great Depression |
| (V) | World War I |
| 5. | How is Buchanan’s presidency often seen? |
| (A) | an era of prosperity |
| (E) | a failure in leadership |
| (S) | a great success |
| 6. | What was Buchanan’s marital status? |
| (R) | married with children |
| (T) | never married |
| (V) | divorced |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (S) | (V) | 1. James Buchanan was born in 1791. |
| (F) | (O) | 2. James Buchanan was born in 1809. |
| (R) | (M) | 3. He was the 16th U.S. President. |
| (M) | (R) | 4. Buchanan was a lawyer before presidency. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. He was the 15th U.S. President. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Buchanan had a wife and children. |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was James Buchanan’s birthplace?

Where did Buchanan study law?

What political party did Buchanan belong to?

What was a significant event during Buchanan’s presidency?

What policy did Buchanan support in the territories?

How is Buchanan’s presidency often remembered?

What was Buchanan’s marital status?

**Solution sheet 1**

**James Buchanan (1857 - 1861)**

**Match terms**

Mercersburg = a town in Pennsylvania

Dickinson College = a college in Pennsylvania

Democratic Party = one of the major U.S. political parties

Inaugurated = formally admitted to office

Dred Scott decision = 1857 Supreme Court ruling

Popular sovereignty = territories decide on slavery

Secession = withdrawal from the Union

Memoir = a personal account or biography

Bachelor = an unmarried man

Keyword: LIFESTYLE

**Complete sentences**

James Buchanan | was born in Pennsylvania.

He studied law | at Dickinson College.

Buchanan was a | member of the Democratic Party.

His presidency began | with high hopes for unity.

The Dred Scott decision | deepened the North-South divide.

Buchanan supported popular sovereignty | in the territories.

He wrote a memoir | defending his presidency.

Keyword: FAUCETS

**Questions**

What was James Buchanan’s profession before his presidency?

a lawyer

What was one of the significant events during Buchanan’s presidency?

Dred Scott decision

What did Buchanan support in the territories?

popular sovereignty

What happened during Buchanan’s presidency?

secession crisis

How is Buchanan’s presidency often seen?

a failure in leadership

What was Buchanan’s marital status?

never married

Keyword: JACKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. James Buchanan was born in 1791.

4. Buchanan was a lawyer before presidency.

5. He was the 15th U.S. President.

wrong

6. Buchanan had a wife and children.

2. James Buchanan was born in 1809.

3. He was the 16th U.S. President.

Keyword: BOTTLE

**Solution sheet 2**

**James Buchanan (1857 - 1861)**

**Questions and answers**

What was James Buchanan’s birthplace?

James Buchanan was born in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

Where did Buchanan study law?

Buchanan studied law at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

What political party did Buchanan belong to?

Buchanan was a member of the Democratic Party.

What was a significant event during Buchanan’s presidency?

One significant event was the Dred Scott decision in 1857.

What policy did Buchanan support in the territories?

Buchanan supported the policy of popular sovereignty in the territories.

How is Buchanan’s presidency often remembered?

Buchanan’s presidency is often remembered as a failure in leadership.

What was Buchanan’s marital status?

James Buchanan never married and was the only bachelor president in U.S. history.