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| William Howard Taft (1909 - 1913) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3957 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Tariffs | (1) | Regulating corporations for fair competition |
| (B) | Trust-Busting | (2) | Taxes on imported goods |
| (I) | Governor-General | (3) | Foreign policy promoting US business investments |
| (L) | Dollar Diplomacy | (4) | Protection and preservation of environment |
| (L) | Conservation | (5) | 1909 act maintaining high tariff rates |
| (N) | Antitrust Laws | (6) | Represents government in Supreme Court |
| (O) | Solicitor General | (7) | Representative of monarch in a territory |
| (P) | Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act | (8) | Laws promoting competition in the market |
| (T) | Bureau of Mines | (9) | Agency overseeing nation’s mineral resources |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Taft was born ... | (1) | ... in Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| (B) | He served as ... | (2) | ... the 27th US President. |
| (B) | He studied law ... | (3) | ... on conservation. |
| (O) | He was appointed ... | (4) | ... Chief Justice in 1921. |
| (R) | His father was ... | (5) | ... a prominent lawyer. |
| (S) | His presidency focused ... | (6) | ... at the University of Cincinnati. |
| (S) | He was inaugurated ... | (7) | ... on March 4, 1909. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What position did Taft hold before presidency? |
| (P) | U.S. District Judge |
| (R) | U.S. Representative |
| (V) | U.S. Senator |
| 2. | What was Taft’s foreign policy known as? |
| (A) | Open Door Policy |
| (L) | Dollar Diplomacy |
| (S) | Big Stick Diplomacy |
| 3. | What did Taft establish to oversee mineral resources? |
| (A) | Bureau of Mines |
| (N) | Environmental Protection Agency |
| (R) | Department of Energy |
| 4. | What was one of the major challenges during Taft’s presidency? |
| (N) | Issue of tariffs |
| (R) | Issue of healthcare |
| (V) | Issue of immigration |
| 5. | What did Taft support that angered progressive Republicans? |
| (A) | Federal Reserve Act |
| (E) | Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act |
| (S) | Sherman Antitrust Act |
| 6. | What position did Taft hold after his presidency? |
| (R) | Secretary of State |
| (T) | Chief Justice of the United States |
| (V) | Governor of Ohio |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| right | wrong |  |
| (K) | (V) | 1. Taft was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| (F) | (Ö) | 2. Taft was born in 1909. |
| (T) | (R) | 3. Taft served as the 28th US President. |
| (P) | (R) | 4. Taft served as the 27th US President. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. Taft’s presidency focused on conservation. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Taft’s presidency ignored conservation. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Taft’s approach to large corporations?

What was the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act?

What was Taft’s foreign policy?

What did Taft do for conservation?

What is Taft remembered for?

What did Taft do after his presidency?

What is Taft’s legacy in American history?

**Solution sheet 1**

**William Howard Taft (1909 - 1913)**

**Match terms**

Trust-Busting = Regulating corporations for fair competition

Tariffs = Taxes on imported goods

Dollar Diplomacy = Foreign policy promoting US business investments

Conservation = Protection and preservation of environment

Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act = 1909 act maintaining high tariff rates

Solicitor General = Represents government in Supreme Court

Governor-General = Representative of monarch in a territory

Antitrust Laws = Laws promoting competition in the market

Bureau of Mines = Agency overseeing nation’s mineral resources

Keyword: BALLPOINT

**Complete sentences**

Taft was born | in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He served as | the 27th US President.

His presidency focused | on conservation.

He was appointed | Chief Justice in 1921.

His father was | a prominent lawyer.

He studied law | at the University of Cincinnati.

He was inaugurated | on March 4, 1909.

Keyword: ABSORBS

**Questions**

What position did Taft hold before presidency?

U.S. District Judge

What was Taft’s foreign policy known as?

Dollar Diplomacy

What did Taft establish to oversee mineral resources?

Bureau of Mines

What was one of the major challenges during Taft’s presidency?

Issue of tariffs

What did Taft support that angered progressive Republicans?

Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act

What position did Taft hold after his presidency?

Chief Justice of the United States

Keyword: PLANET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Taft was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

4. Taft served as the 27th US President.

5. Taft’s presidency focused on conservation.

wrong

6. Taft’s presidency ignored conservation.

2. Taft was born in 1909.

3. Taft served as the 28th US President.

Keyword: FINGER

**Solution sheet 2**

**William Howard Taft (1909 - 1913)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Taft’s approach to large corporations?

Taft believed in regulating large corporations to ensure fair competition. He continued the trust-busting efforts started by Roosevelt.

What was the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act?

The Payne-Aldrich Tariff Act of 1909 was a law that aimed to lower tariffs but ended up maintaining high rates on many goods.

What was Taft’s foreign policy?

Taft’s foreign policy, known as „Dollar Diplomacy,“ promoted US interests abroad by encouraging American businesses to invest in foreign countries.

What did Taft do for conservation?

Taft focused on conservation and the management of natural resources during his presidency. He established several national parks and created the Bureau of Mines.

What is Taft remembered for?

Taft is remembered for his commitment to trust-busting and conservation. His presidency had significant achievements but also faced challenges.

What did Taft do after his presidency?

After his presidency, Taft became a professor of law at Yale University and was later appointed Chief Justice of the United States.

What is Taft’s legacy in American history?

Taft’s legacy in American history includes his contributions to antitrust laws and conservation, his service as both president and chief justice, and his promotion of the rule of law. He left behind a significant legacy.