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| Zachary Taylor (1849 - 1850) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3945 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (C) | Buena Vista | (1) | a place in Virginia |
| (E) | Lieutenant | (2) | large farm for crops |
| (I) | Whig Party | (3) | low-ranking military officer |
| (I) | Compromise of 1850 | (4) | location of a battle |
| (N) | Horseman | (5) | political party in US |
| (O) | Union | (6) | formally admitted to office |
| (P) | Barboursville | (7) | legislative package |
| (R) | Plantation | (8) | the United States as one nation |
| (S) | Inaugurated | (9) | skilled rider of horses |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He became president ... | (1) | ... was born in Virginia. |
| (E) | Taylor served ... | (2) | ... in 1808. |
| (E) | His presidency ... | (3) | ... in the War of 1812. |
| (H) | He joined the U.S. Army ... | (4) | ... in 1849. |
| (R) | Taylor is remembered ... | (5) | ... the expansion of slavery. |
| (T) | Zachary Taylor ... | (6) | ... lasted only 16 months. |
| (T) | Taylor opposed ... | (7) | ... as a military hero. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Zachary Taylor’s profession before his presidency? |
| (B) | a military leader |
| (R) | a doctor |
| (V) | a lawyer |
| 2. | When did Zachary Taylor become president? |
| (A) | 1849 |
| (B) | 1848 |
| (S) | 1850 |
| 3. | What did Taylor oppose during his presidency? |
| (N) | the Compromise of 1850 |
| (R) | the abolition of slavery |
| (S) | the expansion of slavery |
| 4. | How long did Taylor’s presidency last? |
| (K) | 16 months |
| (R) | 4 years |
| (V) | 2 years |
| 5. | What is Taylor remembered as? |
| (A) | a civil rights hero |
| (E) | a military hero |
| (S) | a political hero |
| 6. | What was Taylor’s personal life like? |
| (R) | he was a solitary man |
| (T) | he was a family man |
| (V) | he was a socialite |

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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. Zachary Taylor was a military leader. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. Taylor was born in Louisiana. |
| (R) | (S) | 3. He served in the Civil War. |
| (S) | (R) | 4. Taylor was the 12th US President. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. He opposed the Compromise of 1850. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. Taylor supported the expansion of slavery. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Zachary Taylor’s early life like?

What was significant about Taylor’s military career?

What was Taylor’s political career like before his presidency?

What were the domestic policies during Taylor’s presidency?

Why was Taylor’s presidency short?

What is Zachary Taylor’s legacy?

What was Zachary Taylor’s personal life like?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Zachary Taylor (1849 - 1850)**

**Match terms**

Barboursville = a place in Virginia

Plantation = large farm for crops

Lieutenant = low-ranking military officer

Buena Vista = location of a battle

Whig Party = political party in US

Inaugurated = formally admitted to office

Compromise of 1850 = legislative package

Union = the United States as one nation

Horseman = skilled rider of horses

Keyword: PRECISION

**Complete sentences**

Zachary Taylor | was born in Virginia.

He joined the U.S. Army | in 1808.

Taylor served | in the War of 1812.

He became president | in 1849.

Taylor opposed | the expansion of slavery.

His presidency | lasted only 16 months.

Taylor is remembered | as a military hero.

Keyword: THEATER

**Questions**

What was Zachary Taylor’s profession before his presidency?

a military leader

When did Zachary Taylor become president?

1849

What did Taylor oppose during his presidency?

the expansion of slavery

How long did Taylor’s presidency last?

16 months

What is Taylor remembered as?

a military hero

What was Taylor’s personal life like?

he was a family man

Keyword: BASKET

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Zachary Taylor was a military leader.

4. Taylor was the 12th US President.

5. He opposed the Compromise of 1850.

wrong

6. Taylor supported the expansion of slavery.

2. Taylor was born in Louisiana.

3. He served in the Civil War.

Keyword: COLLAR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Zachary Taylor (1849 - 1850)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Zachary Taylor’s early life like?

Zachary Taylor was born in Virginia and grew up in a plantation family. He joined the U.S. Army in 1808.

What was significant about Taylor’s military career?

Taylor’s military career spanned over four decades and he gained a reputation as a skilled leader. His victories in the Mexican-American War made him famous.

What was Taylor’s political career like before his presidency?

Before becoming president, Taylor had little political experience. However, his military fame made him a popular candidate for the presidency.

What were the domestic policies during Taylor’s presidency?

Taylor’s domestic policies focused on the issues of slavery and statehood for new territories. He opposed the Compromise of 1850 and believed that California and New Mexico should be admitted as free states.

Why was Taylor’s presidency short?

Taylor’s presidency was short because his health began to decline and he became seriously ill in the summer of 1850. He passed away on July 9, 1850.

What is Zachary Taylor’s legacy?

Zachary Taylor is remembered as a military hero who became president during a turbulent time in American history. His opposition to the expansion of slavery into new territories set the stage for future conflicts.

What was Zachary Taylor’s personal life like?

Zachary Taylor married Margaret Smith in 1810, and they had six children together. He was known for his down-to-earth personality and love for his family. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and was an avid horseman.