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| Franklin Pierce (1853 - 1857) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3947 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (B) | Kansas-Nebraska Act | (1) | belief in U.S. continental expansion |
| (C) | Treaty of Kanagawa | (2) | law allowing territories to decide on slavery |
| (E) | Transcontinental Railroad | (3) | violent conflicts due to Kansas-Nebraska Act |
| (E) | Jane Means Appleton | (4) | railway connecting eastern and western U.S. |
| (I) | Democratic Party | (5) | agreement opening trade with Japan |
| (J) | Bleeding Kansas | (6) | educational institution in Maine |
| (O) | Manifest Destiny | (7) | one of two major U.S. political parties |
| (T) | Bowdoin College | (8) | town in New Hampshire |
| (V) | Hillsborough | (9) | Franklin Pierce’s wife |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | He faced ... | (1) | ... was born in 1804. |
| (E) | He became ... | (2) | ... the 14th U.S. President. |
| (E) | His presidency ... | (3) | ... the Kansas-Nebraska Act. |
| (G) | Franklin Pierce ... | (4) | ... began in 1853. |
| (L) | Pierce’s wife ... | (5) | ... to promote national growth. |
| (N) | Pierce supported ... | (6) | ... criticism after his presidency. |
| (R) | Pierce aimed ... | (7) | ... was Jane Means Appleton. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What was Franklin Pierce’s birthplace? |
| (H) | Hillsborough, New Hampshire |
| (R) | Boston, Massachusetts |
| (V) | Portland, Maine |
| 2. | What was a significant event during Pierce’s presidency? |
| (A) | Gettysburg Address |
| (E) | Kansas-Nebraska Act |
| (S) | Emancipation Proclamation |
| 3. | What did Pierce support? |
| (A) | Construction of a transcontinental railroad |
| (N) | Women’s suffrage |
| (R) | Abolition of slavery |
| 4. | Who did Pierce marry? |
| (L) | Jane Means Appleton |
| (R) | Martha Washington |
| (V) | Mary Todd Lincoln |
| 5. | When did Pierce’s presidency begin? |
| (A) | 1789 |
| (S) | 1861 |
| (T) | 1853 |
| 6. | What was Pierce’s political party? |
| (H) | Democratic Party |
| (R) | Republican Party |
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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. Franklin Pierce was the 14th President. |
| (F) | (C) | 2. Pierce was a Republican. |
| (R) | (H) | 3. He was born in Maine. |
| (I) | (R) | 4. Pierce was born in New Hampshire. |
| (F) | (T) | 5. He supported the Kansas-Nebraska Act. |
| (A) | (F) | 6. Pierce opposed the Kansas-Nebraska Act. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Franklin Pierce’s profession before his presidency?

What was one of Pierce’s goals during his presidency?

What was the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

What was one of Pierce’s domestic policies?

What was one of Pierce’s foreign policies?

What is Franklin Pierce’s legacy?

What happened to Pierce after his presidency?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Franklin Pierce (1853 - 1857)**

**Match terms**

Manifest Destiny = belief in U.S. continental expansion

Kansas-Nebraska Act = law allowing territories to decide on slavery

Bleeding Kansas = violent conflicts due to Kansas-Nebraska Act

Transcontinental Railroad = railway connecting eastern and western U.S.

Treaty of Kanagawa = agreement opening trade with Japan

Bowdoin College = educational institution in Maine

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

Hillsborough = town in New Hampshire

Jane Means Appleton = Franklin Pierce’s wife

Keyword: OBJECTIVE

**Complete sentences**

Franklin Pierce | was born in 1804.

He became | the 14th U.S. President.

Pierce supported | the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

His presidency | began in 1853.

Pierce aimed | to promote national growth.

He faced | criticism after his presidency.

Pierce’s wife | was Jane Means Appleton.

Keyword: GENERAL

**Questions**

What was Franklin Pierce’s birthplace?

Hillsborough, New Hampshire

What was a significant event during Pierce’s presidency?

Kansas-Nebraska Act

What did Pierce support?

Construction of a transcontinental railroad

Who did Pierce marry?

Jane Means Appleton

When did Pierce’s presidency begin?

1853

What was Pierce’s political party?

Democratic Party

Keyword: HEALTH

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Franklin Pierce was the 14th President.

4. Pierce was born in New Hampshire.

5. He supported the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

wrong

6. Pierce opposed the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

2. Pierce was a Republican.

3. He was born in Maine.

Keyword: NUMBER

**Solution sheet 2**

**Franklin Pierce (1853 - 1857)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Franklin Pierce’s profession before his presidency?

Before his presidency, Franklin Pierce was a lawyer and a politician, serving in the New Hampshire legislature and the U.S. Congress.

What was one of Pierce’s goals during his presidency?

One of Pierce’s goals during his presidency was to promote national growth and unity.

What was the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

The Kansas-Nebraska Act was a law that allowed the territories of Kansas and Nebraska to decide for themselves whether to allow slavery.

What was one of Pierce’s domestic policies?

One of Pierce’s domestic policies was supporting the construction of a transcontinental railroad to connect the eastern and western parts of the country.

What was one of Pierce’s foreign policies?

One of Pierce’s foreign policies was to expand American influence in Central America and Asia.

What is Franklin Pierce’s legacy?

Franklin Pierce’s legacy is complex, often remembered for his controversial presidency during a time of great national division and his struggle to address the issue of slavery.

What happened to Pierce after his presidency?

After his presidency, Franklin Pierce returned to New Hampshire, faced criticism for his presidency, and largely withdrew from public life. He continued to practice law and remained active in local affairs.