

Guided Reading Activity

The Progressive Movement, 1890–1920

Lesson 2 *Roosevelt and Taft*

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: Theodore Roosevelt increased the government's power to limit big business and protect natural resources.

1. **Detail:** Roosevelt believed in the efficiency of trusts unless they created _____.

2. **Detail:** Roosevelt intervened in the _____ of 1902 to protect the country from a shortage that would have closed factories and left homes unheated.

3. **Detail:** Roosevelt had Congress create the _____ to inform the public about abuses of power by big business.

4. **Detail:** Two laws, the _____ and the _____, were passed in 1906 to protect consumers.

B. Main Idea: To protect our natural resources, Roosevelt urged Americans to conserve them.

1. **Detail:** The West's landscape changed when the Newlands Reclamation Act allowed federal money to pay for _____ and _____.

2. **Detail:** Roosevelt felt that the best way to protect forests was to _____.

3. **Detail:** Roosevelt greatly increased the power of the _____ branch of the federal government.

C. Main Idea: Although Roosevelt felt Taft was ideal to continue his policies as the next president, many Americans were disappointed.

1. **Detail:** Taft angered many progressives by signing the _____, which raised tariffs on some goods.

2. **Detail:** A serious controversy arose between the former secretary of the interior, _____, and the new secretary, _____, over concern about the nation's forest and mineral reserves.

3. **Detail:** Two of Taft's achievements were the creation of the _____, which investigated child labor, and the _____, which monitored mining companies, expanded national forests, and protected waterpower sites from private development.

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Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did Presidents Roosevelt and Taft work to limit big business as well as protect natural resources?
