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| Ulysses S. Grant (1869 - 1877) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3949 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | General-in-Chief | (1) | post-Civil War rebuilding process |
| (B) | Battle of Vicksburg | (2) | severe economic depression |
| (C) | Reconstruction | (3) | fraudulent railroad construction contracts |
| (E) | Panic of 1873 | (4) | mid-19th century conflict |
| (E) | Mexican-American War | (5) | significant Civil War battle |
| (E) | Dominican Republic | (6) | another major Civil War battle |
| (L) | Credit Mobilier scandal | (7) | highest military rank |
| (R) | Battle of Chattanooga | (8) | civil rights protections |
| (T) | 14th and 15th Amendments | (9) | Caribbean nation |

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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | Grant served ... | (1) | ... was a US President. |
| (D) | Ulysses S. Grant ... | (2) | ... in Point Pleasant, Ohio. |
| (D) | Grant wrote ... | (3) | ... in the Mexican-American War. |
| (I) | He was born ... | (4) | ... in the Civil War. |
| (M) | He led the Union ... | (5) | ... the Reconstruction efforts. |
| (N) | His presidency faced ... | (6) | ... economic and political challenges. |
| (O) | Grant supported ... | (7) | ... his memoirs after presidency. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | What war did Grant serve in? |
| (R) | in World War I |
| (S) | in the Mexican-American War |
| (V) | in the Spanish-American War |
| 2. | What was Grant’s highest military rank? |
| (A) | Major General |
| (I) | General-in-Chief |
| (S) | Lieutenant General |
| 3. | What was the Credit Mobilier scandal about? |
| (L) | fraudulent railroad construction contracts |
| (N) | tax evasion |
| (R) | illegal land deals |
| 4. | Which country did Grant want to annex? |
| (A) | Cuba |
| (R) | Haiti |
| (V) | Dominican Republic |
| 5. | What was the Panic of 1873? |
| (A) | a natural disaster |
| (E) | a severe economic depression |
| (S) | a political scandal |
| 6. | What did Grant do after his presidency? |
| (A) | ran for a third term |
| (R) | wrote his memoirs |
| (V) | became a senator |

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**Right or wrong?**

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

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| (B) | (V) | 1. Ulysses S. Grant was a general. |
| (F) | (A) | 2. Grant was a Democratic Party member. |
| (R) | (G) | 3. He was born in New York City. |
| (G) | (R) | 4. Grant was the 18th US President. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. He was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. His presidency was free of scandals. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was Grant’s role in the Civil War?

What were some of the challenges during Grant’s presidency?

What was Grant’s stance on civil rights?

How did the Credit Mobilier scandal affect Grant’s presidency?

What was Grant’s foreign policy focus?

How is Grant’s presidency viewed today?

What did Grant do after leaving the presidency?

**Solution sheet 1**

**Ulysses S. Grant (1869 - 1877)**

**Match terms**

Reconstruction = post-Civil War rebuilding process

Panic of 1873 = severe economic depression

Credit Mobilier scandal = fraudulent railroad construction contracts

Mexican-American War = mid-19th century conflict

Battle of Vicksburg = significant Civil War battle

Battle of Chattanooga = another major Civil War battle

General-in-Chief = highest military rank

14th and 15th Amendments = civil rights protections

Dominican Republic = Caribbean nation

Keyword: CELEBRATE

**Complete sentences**

Ulysses S. Grant | was a US President.

He was born | in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

Grant served | in the Mexican-American War.

He led the Union | in the Civil War.

Grant supported | the Reconstruction efforts.

His presidency faced | economic and political challenges.

Grant wrote | his memoirs after presidency.

Keyword: DIAMOND

**Questions**

What war did Grant serve in?

in the Mexican-American War

What was Grant’s highest military rank?

General-in-Chief

What was the Credit Mobilier scandal about?

fraudulent railroad construction contracts

Which country did Grant want to annex?

Dominican Republic

What was the Panic of 1873?

a severe economic depression

What did Grant do after his presidency?

wrote his memoirs

Keyword: SILVER

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Ulysses S. Grant was a general.

4. Grant was the 18th US President.

5. He was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

wrong

6. His presidency was free of scandals.

2. Grant was a Democratic Party member.

3. He was born in New York City.

Keyword: MIRROR

**Solution sheet 2**

**Ulysses S. Grant (1869 - 1877)**

**Questions and answers**

What was Grant’s role in the Civil War?

Grant was a Union general in the Civil War, leading successful campaigns in several battles.

What were some of the challenges during Grant’s presidency?

During Grant’s presidency, the nation faced economic difficulties, political corruption, and challenges in implementing Reconstruction policies.

What was Grant’s stance on civil rights?

Grant supported the protection of civil rights for African Americans and enforced the 14th and 15th Amendments.

How did the Credit Mobilier scandal affect Grant’s presidency?

The Credit Mobilier scandal, which involved fraudulent railroad construction contracts, damaged Grant’s reputation and overshadowed some of his accomplishments.

What was Grant’s foreign policy focus?

Grant’s foreign policy focused on expanding American influence globally and improving relations with other countries, particularly in Latin America and Asia.

How is Grant’s presidency viewed today?

Today, historians view Grant’s presidency with a mix of admiration for his commitment to civil rights and criticism for the scandals and economic issues during his time in office.

What did Grant do after leaving the presidency?

After leaving the presidency, Grant faced financial difficulties and health problems. He traveled around the world and wrote his memoirs, which were praised for their honesty and insight into the Civil War.