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| The Republican Party Exercises | about-the-world.org/3980 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

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

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| (A) | Anti-slavery activists | (1) | US political party founded in 1854 |
| (A) | Square Deal | (2) | People opposing slavery |
| (C) | Republican Party | (3) | Those who update or innovate |
| (D) | Ex-Whigs | (4) | Former members of Whig Party |
| (D) | John C. Frémont | (5) | Former members of Free Soil Party |
| (E) | Grand Old Party | (6) | First Republican presidential candidate |
| (I) | Ex-Free Soilers | (7) | Theodore Roosevelt’s domestic policies |
| (N) | Modernizers | (8) | GOP’s strategy to gain support in South |
| (T) | Southern Strategy | (9) | Nickname for the Republican Party |

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| **Keyword:** | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ | \_\_\_ |
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**Complete sentences**

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

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| (A) | The elephant has been ... | (1) | ... was formed in 1854. |
| (D) | The Republican Party ... | (2) | ... led the country through the Civil War. |
| (E) | The party has ... | (3) | ... free-market capitalism. |
| (E) | The party continues to evolve ... | (4) | ... traditionally been strong in rural areas. |
| (I) | Abraham Lincoln ... | (5) | ... the symbol of the Republican Party. |
| (S) | The party supports ... | (6) | ... for lower taxes. |
| (S) | Republicans generally advocate ... | (7) | ... as it responds to new issues. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Who was the first Republican president? |
| (M) | Abraham Lincoln |
| (R) | Thomas Jefferson |
| (V) | George Washington |
| 2. | What is the symbol of the Republican Party? |
| (A) | Lion |
| (I) | Elephant |
| (S) | Donkey |
| 3. | What does the Republican Party traditionally support? |
| (N) | Communism |
| (R) | Socialism |
| (T) | Free-market capitalism |
| 4. | Where has the Republican Party traditionally been strong? |
| (R) | East and West coasts |
| (T) | Rural areas and small towns |
| (V) | Urban areas |
| 5. | What is another name for the Republican Party? |
| (A) | Liberal Party |
| (E) | Grand Old Party |
| (S) | Democratic Party |
| 6. | Who served as a Republican president after World War II? |
| (N) | Dwight D. Eisenhower |
| (R) | Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| (V) | Harry S. Truman |

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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. The Republican Party was founded in 1854. |
| (F) | (E) | 2. The Republican Party was founded in 1900. |
| (R) | (S) | 3. John C. Frémont won the 1856 presidential election. |
| (S) | (R) | 4. Abraham Lincoln was the first Republican president. |
| (E) | (T) | 5. The elephant is a symbol of the Republican Party. |
| (A) | (R) | 6. The donkey is a symbol of the Republican Party. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

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

What was the initial focus of the Republican Party?

Who was the first presidential candidate of the Republican Party?

What are the traditional policy positions of the Republican Party?

Where are the electoral strongholds of the Republican Party?

What are the symbols of the Republican Party?

What are the key policy positions of the Republican Party?

What is the role of the Republican National Committee?

**Solution sheet 1**

**The Republican Party**

**Match terms**

Republican Party = US political party founded in 1854

Anti-slavery activists = People opposing slavery

Modernizers = Those who update or innovate

Ex-Whigs = Former members of Whig Party

Ex-Free Soilers = Former members of Free Soil Party

John C. Frémont = First Republican presidential candidate

Square Deal = Theodore Roosevelt’s domestic policies

Southern Strategy = GOP’s strategy to gain support in South

Grand Old Party = Nickname for the Republican Party

Keyword: CANDIDATE

**Complete sentences**

The Republican Party | was formed in 1854.

Abraham Lincoln | led the country through the Civil War.

The party supports | free-market capitalism.

The party has | traditionally been strong in rural areas.

The elephant has been | the symbol of the Republican Party.

Republicans generally advocate | for lower taxes.

The party continues to evolve | as it responds to new issues.

Keyword: DISEASE

**Questions**

Who was the first Republican president?

Abraham Lincoln

What is the symbol of the Republican Party?

Elephant

What does the Republican Party traditionally support?

Free-market capitalism

Where has the Republican Party traditionally been strong?

Rural areas and small towns

What is another name for the Republican Party?

Grand Old Party

Who served as a Republican president after World War II?

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Keyword: MITTEN

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. The Republican Party was founded in 1854.

4. Abraham Lincoln was the first Republican president.

5. The elephant is a symbol of the Republican Party.

wrong

6. The donkey is a symbol of the Republican Party.

2. The Republican Party was founded in 1900.

3. John C. Frémont won the 1856 presidential election.

Keyword: BARBER

**Solution sheet 2**

**The Republican Party**

**Questions and answers**

What was the initial focus of the Republican Party?

The initial focus of the Republican Party was on opposing the expansion of slavery into new territories.

Who was the first presidential candidate of the Republican Party?

The first presidential candidate of the Republican Party was John C. Frémont.

What are the traditional policy positions of the Republican Party?

The Republican Party traditionally advocates for conservative policies, including lower taxes, reduced government spending, and a strong national defense.

Where are the electoral strongholds of the Republican Party?

The Republican Party has traditionally been strong in rural areas, small towns, the Southern states, the Midwest, and the Mountain West regions.

What are the symbols of the Republican Party?

The symbols of the Republican Party include the elephant and the color red. The term „Grand Old Party“ or „GOP“ is also associated with the party.

What are the key policy positions of the Republican Party?

Republicans generally advocate for lower taxes, reduced government spending, a strong national defense, less regulation of businesses, and conservative positions on social issues.

What is the role of the Republican National Committee?

The Republican National Committee is responsible for developing and promoting the Republican platform and works to elect Republican candidates at all levels of government.