

Progressive Presidents Report Card



Directions: Use the chart, your notes, or the internet to research and evaluate the Progressive Presidents. Explain your reason for the President's grade.

Theodore Roosevelt

- Republican
- Former leader of the Rough Riders
- McKinley's vice President
- Progressive President
- Added 150 million acres to national forests
- Established 5 national parks
- Established the U.S. Forestry Service
- Started 4 national game preserves
- Created 51 federal bird reservations
- 25 irrigation/reclamation projects
- Sherman Anti-Trust Act
- Worked with unions to resolve disputes
- Pure Food and Drug Act
- Meat Inspection Act
- Split from Republican party to run in the "Bull Moose Party" during the 1912 election
- Panama Canal began during his presidency
- "Big Stick" Foreign Policy



William Howard Taft

- Republican
- Prosecuted twice as many trusts as Roosevelt
- Progressive President
- Established the Children's Bureau
- Viewed Presidency as an administrative job
- Postal Savings System
- Alaska given territorial government
- Expanded number of acres of national forest
- Supported laws requiring mine owners to improve safety
- Believed in supporting or working with other countries through "Dollar Diplomacy"
- Became Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court after leaving office



Woodrow Wilson

- Democrat
- Progressive President
- Won the 1912 election due to the split in the Republican Party with the Bull Moose Party
- New Freedom Policy
- First President to hold regularly scheduled press conferences
- Underwood Tariff Bill reduced taxes
- Federal Reserve System reformed banks
- Clayton Anti-Trust Act broadened regulation of trusts
- Federal Trade Commission
- Protected workers and children through federal laws
- Gave compensation for injuries on the job

