

Guided Lesson Notes

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A Hard Act to Follow

Directions: Complete this study guide as you move through the lesson. By taking notes, you are more likely to remember what you are learning. The completed study guide can be used for practice activities and to prepare for quizzes and exams. Be sure to save each study guide so you can access it when you need it.

Essential Vocabulary

As you encounter these American History terms in the lesson, enter the meaning and an example (or two) for each. You can even draw a picture. If there are other unfamiliar words you find, enter them in the blank spaces provided.

<i>antitrust</i>	<i>Panama Canal</i>
<i>Mann-Elkins Act</i>	<i>dollar diplomacy</i>
<i>Open Door policy</i>	<i>Big Stick policy</i>

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President Taft, Revisited

Complete each sentence using information from the video on William H. Taft.

1. A recent C-Span poll ranked Taft _____ out of 43 US presidents.
2. Throughout his first term as president, Taft was viewed by most as owing his victory to the support of _____.
3. In the 1908 election, Roosevelt threw his name and influence behind _____.
4. Most voters seemed to expect Taft to _____ the policies of his popular predecessor.
5. The cartoon expressed some Americans' hope for a _____ presidential ticket for 1912.
6. The relationship between Taft and Roosevelt took a serious turn for the _____ as the 1912 campaign unfolded.
7. Taft attempted to use his _____ as a springboard to a _____ term.

Hand Picked

Complete the timeline below to trace William H Taft's rise to political prominence.

Time Period	Description of events
Young Adulthood through College (1857–1880)	
1890	
1896–1900	
1898	

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1904	1. 2.
1908	

Follow the Money

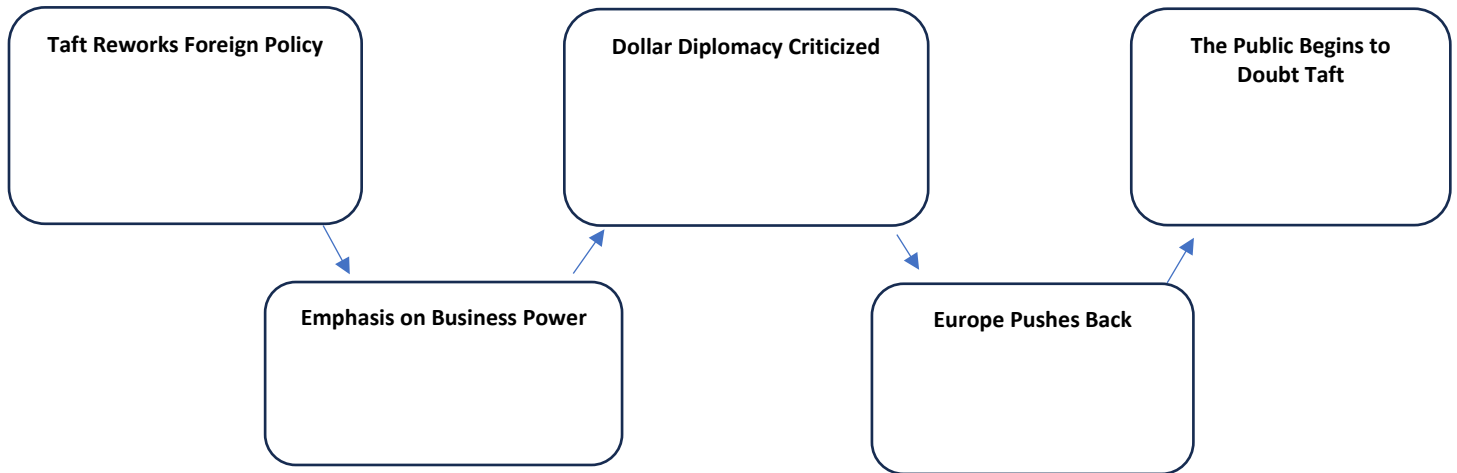
Describe developments during the presidency of William H. Taft.

Cause		Effect
Taft was elected with the endorsement of Teddy Roosevelt.	Led to	Voters expected...
Taft pursued antitrust cases early in his presidency.	Led to	His cabinet became concerned...
Philander Knox, secretary of state, believed that diplomacy should support corporate expansion.	Led to	Taft's foreign policy shifted...
Dollar diplomacy encouraged US investment in unstable regions.	Led to	US corporations...

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Big Chief in Washington

Explain how Taft shifted the nation's foreign affairs early in his term.



Sue and Regulate?

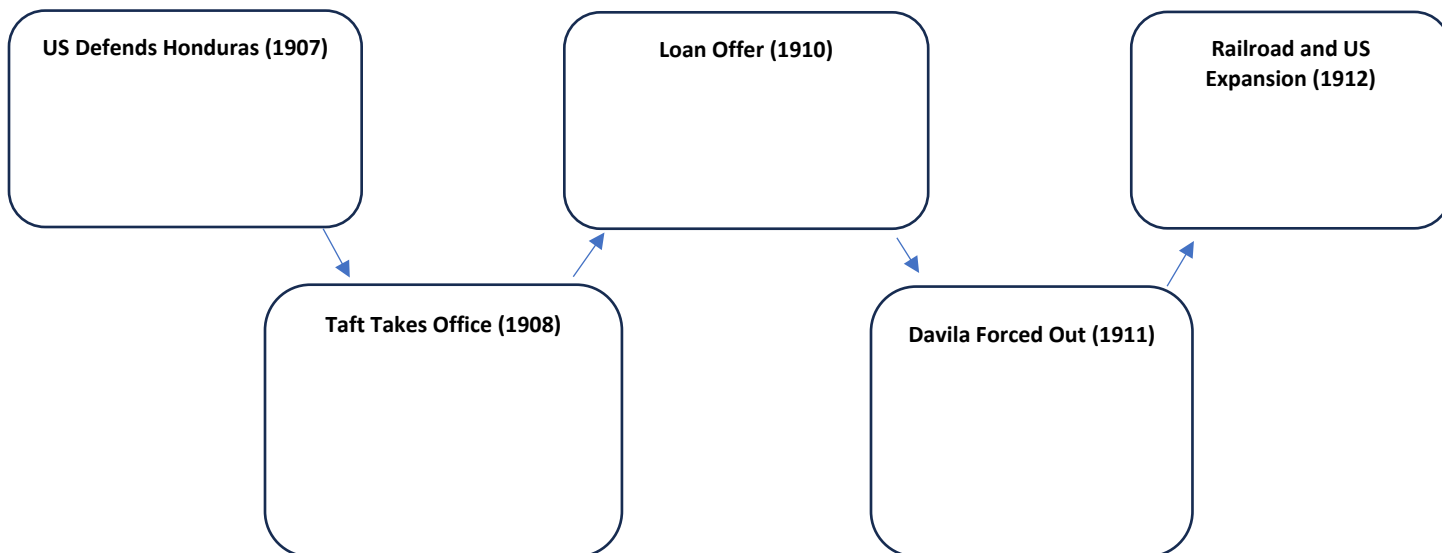
Describe Taft's domestic policy actions and consequences.

Policy/Action	Consequences
Trustbusting	Taft was criticized for failing to distinguish between “_____” and “_____” trusts, which caused many Progressives to lose _____ in his leadership.
The Mann-Elkins Act	
Tariffs	
Firing Gifford Pinchot	

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The Honduras Intervention

Describe the American intervention in Honduras during Taft's administration.



The Dollar in Nicaragua

Describe how Taft intervened in Nicaragua to uphold the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe doctrine.

Concern Over Nicaragua	Roosevelt caused controversy by inviting _____ to the White House, leading to public backlash and a long gap before another African American visit.
American Intervention	
Occupation and Infusion of Capital	

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Failure in Haiti

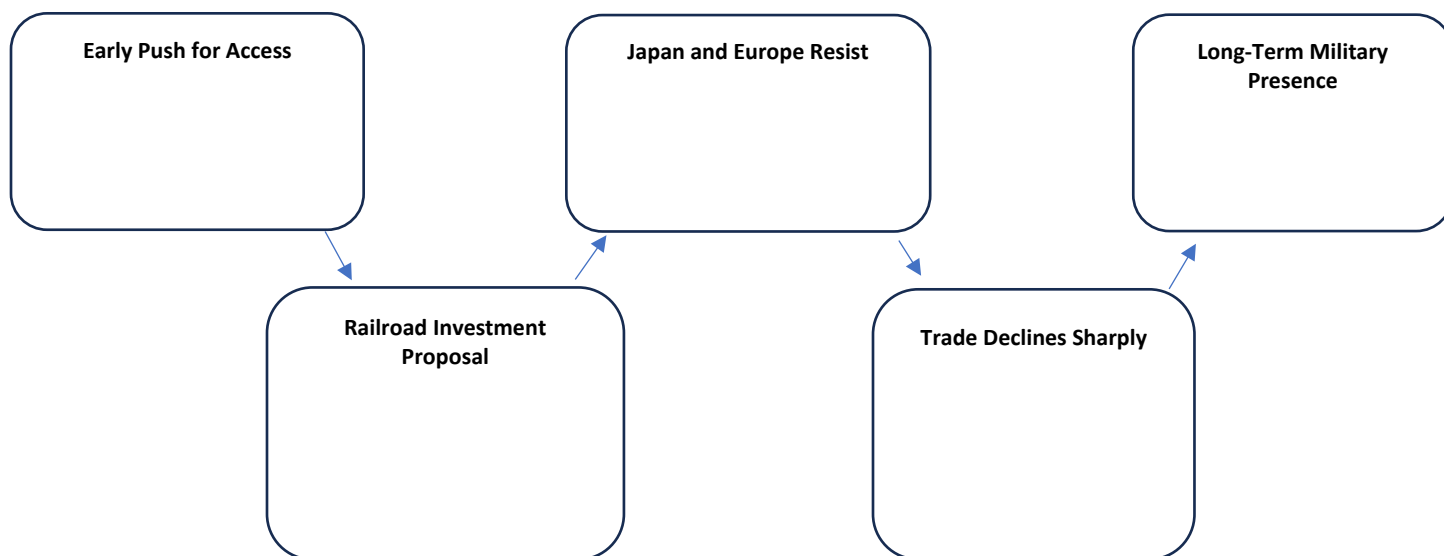
What did President Andrew Johnson say America should do with Hispaniola in 1868?

Explain what happened in Haiti during Taft's presidency.

	What the US Intended		What Actually Happened
Token Independence	Support Haitian liberty and reduce European influence	Led to	
Germany Interests	Limit German economic and military expansion in the Caribbean	Led to	
A Failure of Diplomacy	Stabilize Haiti through economic aid and diplomacy	Led to	

A Shrinking Influence

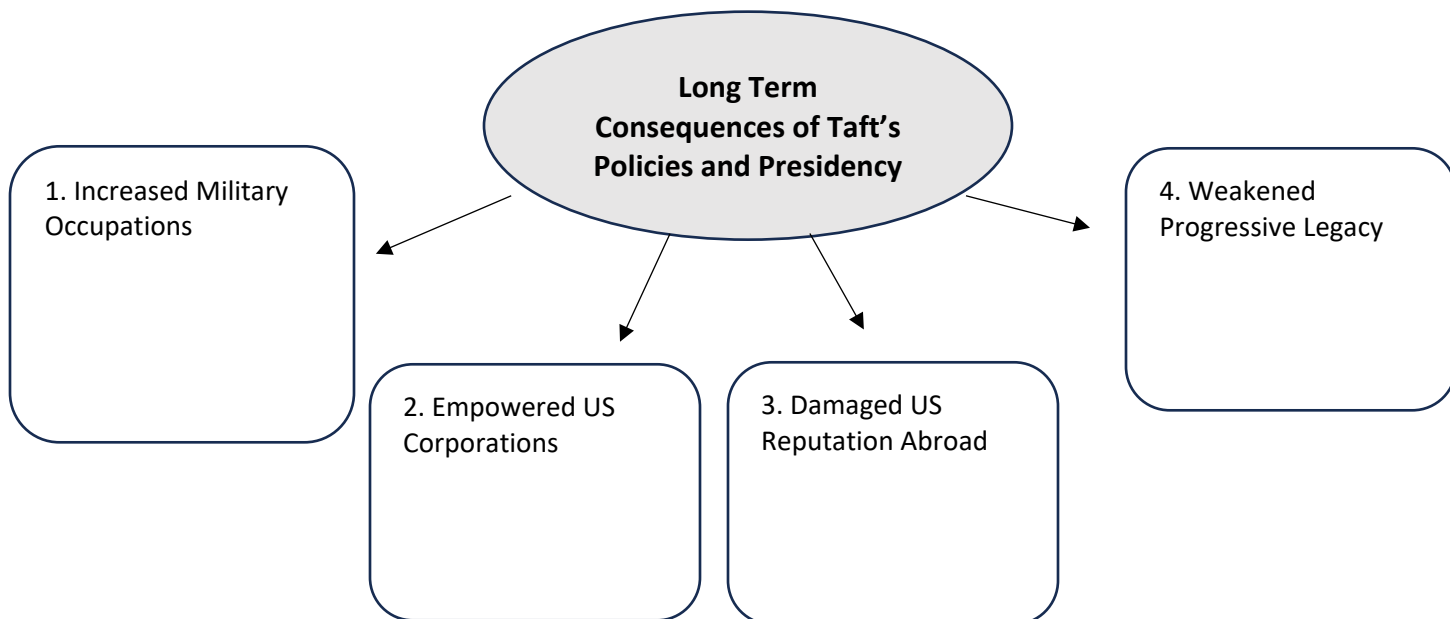
Describe the impact of dollar diplomacy in China during Taft's presidency.



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The Long View

Explain the long-term effect of Taft's policies during his presidency.



Taft and Black America

Describe America's approach in dealing with racial tensions and issues during Taft's presidency.

Cause		Effect
US expanded into Latin America and the Pacific	Led to	The US government sent funds...
Missionaries and officials claimed to "develop" people abroad	Led to	Locals in foreign territories were treated...
US invested heavily in foreign territories	Led to	Little money was spent...
The US government failed to prioritize the civil rights or economic progress of African Americans	Led to	African Americans were treated...

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Fill in the blanks using the text from Taft's speech in 1909 about racial issues in the US.

1. In his 1909 speech, Taft claimed that the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments had been "generally enforced," but he ignored widespread _____ in the South.
2. Taft said that educated and "useful" Black citizens would eventually be _____ by their white neighbors.
3. Taft's view suggests that Black Americans should rely on _____ and not political action to improve their condition.
4. According to Taft, appointments of Black Americans should avoid increasing _____ in the South.
5. Taft's statement that he had "not the slightest race prejudice" conflicts with his acceptance of _____ voting restrictions.