



## Environmental Policy

Presidential Environmentalists

Leveled Assessment \_\_\_\_/4

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Directions: Answer the following series of questions connected to the ideas of presidents working to protect the environment. The first set will deal specifically with the work of Theodore Roosevelt. The second set of questions looks at the continuing work that can be done through the various executive departments.

### Section 1: Contributions of Theodore Roosevelt

Directions: In two paragraphs explain the contributions of president Teddy Roosevelt to conservation.

Use the websites below as a guide:

(<https://www.nps.gov/thrb/learn/historyculture/trandthenpsystem.htm>)

(<https://www.nps.gov/thro/learn/historyculture/theodore-roosevelt-and-conservation.htm>)

Paragraph 1: Explain Teddy Roosevelt's connection to the environment, and his justification for preserving land in the form of National Parks. Include how his time in the Badlands of the Dakotas and at Yosemite were formative in Roosevelt's beliefs.

Paragraph 2: Explain the ways that Teddy Roosevelt was able to use his executive powers in the aid of conservation. Make reference to specific actions, or pieces of legislation he helped get passed. You need to explain at least two uses of power in depth.

### Section 2: Executive Departments

Directions: Use the Executive Branch Reading Room (linked below), and the executive agency's websites to come up with profiles on the ways that each department has an effect on the environment.

(<https://www.loc.gov/rr/news/fedgov.html>)

1. Summarize the ways in which the Department of Agriculture handles laws and regulations regarding the environment? How are they able to effect and impact the environment? Make reference to specific agencies under the department's control.

2. Summarize the ways in which the Department of the Interior handles laws and regulations regarding the environment? How are they able to effect and impact the environment? Make reference to specific agencies under the department's control.

3. Summarize the ways in which the Department of Energy handles laws and regulations regarding the environment? How are they able to effect and impact the environment? Make reference to specific agencies under the department's control.

4. Summarize the ways in which the Department of Commerce handles laws and regulations regarding the environment? How are they able to effect and impact the environment? Make reference to specific agencies under the department's control.

5. Choose one of the secretaries of one of the above executive departments and explain their backgrounds and how they are qualified to lead the specific department. (include their name and which department)

### **Section 3: Thought Question**

Directions: After completing the above sections, answer the question below

1. Generally explain how changes in Presidents can affect the United States' stance on environmental conservation. Make specific references to executive departments and legislation, and provide examples for both.