

Roosevelt's Square Deal

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1. Which statement best summarizes the perspective of President Theodore Roosevelt concerning natural resources?
 - A) Decisions about conservation are best left to the states.
 - B) Corporations can be trusted to use natural resources wisely.
 - C) The federal government must protect the nation's lands from exploitation.
 - D) The free market should set the value of the nation's natural resources.
2. Base your answer to the following question on the speakers' statements below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Speaker A: The best way to prevent corruption in government is to allow citizens a direct role in the legislative process.

Speaker B: Breaking up trusts and monopolies will increase business competition.

Speaker C: An important goal of the federal government should be the protection of our natural resources.

Speaker D: Government will only improve when women are granted full suffrage.

Which two speakers' viewpoints reflect actions taken by Theodore Roosevelt when he was president (1901-1909)?

- A) A and B B) B and C
C) C and D D) D and A

3. "...In other words, our demand is that big business give the people a square deal and that the people give a square deal to any man engaged in big business who honestly endeavors to do what is right and proper...."
— Theodore Roosevelt, "A Charter for Democracy,"

February 21, 1912

This statement reflects President Theodore Roosevelt's position that the federal government should

- A) leave regulation of big business to the states
- B) cease regulation of business activities
- C) regulate abusive business practices
- D) seize control of all trusts

4. Base your answer to the following question on the speakers' statements below and on your knowledge of social studies.

Speaker A: Nature should be left as it is found. All unsettled land should be off limits to future settlement or development.

Speaker B: Natural resources should be controlled by big business to ensure the economic strength of the United States. Our abundance of land gives us a great advantage for competing in world markets.

Speaker C: The natural resources of the United States should be used wisely. We must conserve them for future generations while also using them to serve the people of today.

Speaker D: No man or institution owns the land. It is to be shared by everyone and everything in the best interest of all who depend upon its offerings.

Which speaker best expresses the environmental views of President Theodore Roosevelt?

- A) A B) B C) C D) D

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5. Base your answer on the cartoon below and on your knowledge of social studies.



Source: *Triumph of the American Nation*, Harcourt Brace

The cartoon illustrates President Theodore Roosevelt's attempt to

- A) ignore antitrust laws
- B) conserve natural resources
- C) limit the power of monopolies
- D) eliminate foreign ownership of United States corporations