



Elkins Act: How it Changed America - Quiz

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Q1. What was the primary purpose of the Elkins Act of 1903?

- A. To regulate the prices of railroad fares
- B. To ban the practice of offering and accepting rebates in the shipping industry
- C. To nationalize the railroad industry
- D. To increase competition among railroad companies

Q2. Who sponsored the Elkins Act?

- A. President Theodore Roosevelt
- B. Senator Stephen B. Elkins
- C. The Pennsylvania Railroad
- D. The Interstate Commerce Commission

Q3. Which existing legislation did the Elkins Act amend?

- A. The Sherman Antitrust Act
- B. The Interstate Commerce Act of 1887
- C. The Square Deal Program
- D. The Reconstruction Acts

Q4. What was a major criticism of the Elkins Act?

- A. It did not include imprisonment as a punishment for violations
- B. It was too harsh on small businesses
- C. It only applied to the railroad industry
- D. It increased shipping costs significantly

Q5. Why did the railroad industry support the Elkins Act?

- A. To increase their profits
- B. To end the practice of shippers demanding excessive rebates
- C. To gain more control over the government
- D. To reduce competition

Q6. Which U.S. president endorsed the Elkins Act as part of his campaign promise?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Woodrow Wilson
- C. Theodore Roosevelt
- D. William McKinley

Q7. What was the name of Theodore Roosevelt's program that included the Elkins Act?

- A. The New Deal
- B. The Fair Deal
- C. The Square Deal
- D. The Great Society

Q8. What was a consequence of the Elkins Act?

- A. Railroad fares increased dramatically
- B. The practice of rebates was eliminated entirely
- C. Shipping prices decreased in the following years
- D. The railroad industry was nationalized

Q9. Which industry was primarily affected by the Elkins Act?

- A. The petroleum industry
- B. The railroad industry
- C. The livestock industry
- D. The manufacturing industry

Q10. What was one of the main concerns of shippers regarding the Elkins Act?

- A. That fare rates would increase
- B. That they would lose their businesses
- C. That the government would take over the railroads
- D. That they would face imprisonment for violations

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: C
8. Q8: C
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: A