



Why Do Presidents Pardon? - Quiz

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Q1. What is the primary purpose of a presidential pardon?

- A. To exonerate a person of a federal crime
- B. To increase prison sentences
- C. To remove civil rights
- D. To replace judges

Q2. Which U.S. Constitution article and section stipulates the president's authority to pardon?

- A. Article I, Section 1
- B. Article II, Section 2
- C. Article III, Section 3
- D. Article IV, Section 4

Q3. Which president pardoned thousands of Confederate supporters after the Civil War?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Andrew Johnson
- C. Ulysses S. Grant
- D. James Buchanan

Q4. Why did Gerald Ford pardon Richard Nixon?

- A. To help Nixon avoid impeachment
- B. To help the country move on from the scandal
- C. As part of a plea agreement
- D. To fulfill a campaign promise

Q5. Which president pardoned close to 2,000 people, many for first-time drug offenses?

- A. George W. Bush
- B. Barack Obama
- C. Bill Clinton
- D. Ronald Reagan

Q6. What was one reason Jimmy Carter issued a blanket pardon in 1977?

- A. To pardon Confederate supporters
- B. To pardon Vietnam War draft evaders
- C. To pardon tax evaders
- D. To pardon drug offenders

Q7. Which president pardoned boxer Jack Johnson posthumously?

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Donald Trump
- C. George W. Bush
- D. Bill Clinton

Q8. Who issued the most individual pardons in U.S. history?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Franklin Roosevelt
- C. Harry Truman
- D. Dwight Eisenhower

Q9. Which president pardoned Susan B. Anthony for illegally voting in 1872?

- A. Donald Trump
- B. Barack Obama
- C. George H.W. Bush
- D. Jimmy Carter

Q10. What was a controversial reason for some presidential pardons?

- A. To support political allies
- B. To reduce prison overcrowding
- C. To promote international trade
- D. To encourage military enlistment

Answer Key

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