

The 22nd and 24th President: Thomas Nast Illustrates Grover Cleveland- Answer Key

Activity	Notes	Answers (if any)
<p>1 - The Three Campaigns- 1884, 1888, and 1892</p> <p>Narrative</p>	<p>Reading activity about the people involved in this Resource Kit.</p> <p>This can be assigned in groups or individually.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>2 -- Why Nast Support Cleveland: In His Own Words</p> <p>Narrative</p>	<p>Key People and Historical Events Thomas Nast mentions in this interview. This can add context to students reading the interview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mugwump- a faction of the Republican party who refused to support James Blaine in 1884. Would later come to mean an independent voter. • Chester A. Arthur – 21st president of the US. He was James A. Garfield’s vice president and took over as president when Garfield was assassinated. • Bloody Shirt – political tactic after the Civil War to invoke the memory of the war and the bloody violence to rally support and attack opponents. Typically used by Republicans to emphasis their role in preserving the Union. This tactic also drew attention to the sacrifice by Union soldiers and the threat of former Confederate voters. • Henry Grady – Southern journalist who after the Civil War promoted the idea of the “New South” which included northern investment, southern industrial growth, diversified farming, and white supremacy. In 1886 he spoke in NYC at the New England Society about the “New South”. 	<p>Discussion Question Answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A mugwump was a Republican who switched parties in 1884 to support the Democratic candidate Grover Cleveland instead of the Republican candidate James Blaine. 2. (Possible answers include but not limited to): Blaine was corrupt and impossible for Nast to support, Nast was tired of talking of the “old issues” and “ancient history”, Cleveland’s plan and support for the South is better and after the election is “more tranquil and better satisfied”, the rights of people of color are “secure”, Cleveland is “one of the best presidents the country ever had” 3. Nast would not support any Democrat candidate. He did not support David B. Hill who was running against Cleveland as the Democratic nominee for president. Nast will support “a clean, honest man” 4. Can be a group discussion to answer the opinion question

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David B. Hill – NY Governor who lost the nomination for the Democratic presidential nominee to the Cleveland in 1892. 	
<p>3 -- Thomas Nast Illustrates Cleveland's First Campaign- 1884</p> <p>Slideshow</p>	<p>Discussion Questions from the slides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does putting these two politicians from opposing parties communicate to Nast's audience who may be surprised to see Nast as a mugwump? 2. Do you think it is effective to associate a politician you believe is corrupt with a historic infamous corrupt politician? 3. What imagery does Nast use to show Cleveland is a strong political force? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nast is putting the values of the politicians first before their parties. Both support civil reform. Nast is communicating that he can still support Republicans, if they have the same political values 2. Can be up for discussion. Perhaps connect to modern politics if appropriate. 3. Large club, skinned Tiger from a past political battle, physically fit
<p>4 -- Student Engagement: Political Cartoon Analysis</p> <p>Narrative</p>	<p>Pick one of the cartoons from the previous activity and write a short paragraph with evidence from Nast's interview about why the cartoon you picked supports what Nast said in the interview.</p> <p>How does his imagery in the political cartoon align with his statements about his political beliefs in the interview? How can you tell?</p>	<p>Answer can include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grave Regrets” – Nast says “[James G.] Blaine it was impossible for me to support. My pictures during several years preceding that time were to that effect. Although I must say that I was glad the time had come and the man to feel safe under, to prove that the country could go on as smoothly even under another party’s administration.” • “One of the First-Fruits of The Victory” – Nast says “I think it plain enough that the South is much better off; more tranquil and better satisfied. The negro feels perfectly free. His mind is emancipated. He knows that his rights are secure whichever way he votes, and nearly all the Republicans concede that the country is safe in its present hands and that we can now enter into rational politics, peace and prosperity.” • “The Compliments of the Season March 4” – Nast says ““I was an [Chester A.] Arthur man at first. He had given the country an honest and very

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		respectable administration and I thought it the proper thing to nominate him next.”
5 -- The Response to Nast the Mugwump Hotspot	Discussion Questions from the image: 1. Is this a flattering image of Nast? What do you think Beard thinks about Nast's change in political parties based on his drawing of Nast? 2. Does it matter that both Tweed and Cleveland were Democrats? Just because one member of a political party is corrupt, does reputation extend to all members? 3. Using the words and the imagery in the cartoon, what is Beard saying about Thomas Nast switching political parties?	1. Beard is responding negatively to Nast's change in political party. Beard does not agree with Nast's new political alignment. 2. Open to discussion and the opinions of students. Perhaps connect to modern politicians if appropriate. 3. Beard appears to be saying that Nast has compromised his values by switching parties. The party he currently supports was the party of Boss Tweed, who Nast worked tirelessly to take down
6 --Thomas Nast: After Harper's Weekly Slideshow	None	None
7 --BONUS Primary Source Investigation- Thomas Nast Letter to Sarah Nast Narrative	None	None
8 -- Reflection and Discussion Questions Slideshow	Discussion questions from the slides 1. What do you think of Nast's decision to switch political parties? 2. What happened when Nast did not have the platform of Harper's Weekly to produce his content?	1. Open to discussion and student's opinions 2. Nast's popularity faded and he didn't have the same impact he did before. Could be in part to his change in political parties or the prestige of Harper's Weekly. 3. Student's own response to what they'd do in Nast's position

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	<p>3. What would you do in his situation of supporting a candidate from the opposite political party that shared your political values?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Or, to put in sports terms, would you support a rival football team because you like their new quarterback instead of the one you've supported longer?b. Why or why not?	
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