Lesson 2 Roosevelt and Taft

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details
DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: Theodore Roosevelt increased the government’s power to limit big business and protect natural resources.

1. Detail: Roosevelt believed in the efficiency of trusts unless they created ________________ .

2. Detail: Roosevelt intervened in the ________________ of 1902 to protect the country from a shortage that would have closed factories and left homes unheated.

3. Detail: Roosevelt had Congress create the ________________ to inform the public about abuses of power by big business.

4. Detail: Two laws, the ________________ and the ________________, were passed in 1906 to protect consumers.

B. Main Idea: To protect our natural resources, Roosevelt urged Americans to conserve them.

1. Detail: The West’s landscape changed when the Newlands Reclamation Act allowed federal money to pay for ________________ and ________________ .

2. Detail: Roosevelt felt that the best way to protect forests was to ________________ .

3. Detail: Roosevelt greatly increased the power of the ________________ branch of the federal government.

C. Main Idea: Although Roosevelt felt Taft was ideal to continue his policies as the next president, many Americans were disappointed.

1. Detail: Taft angered many progressives by signing the ________________ , which raised tariffs on some goods.

2. Detail: A serious controversy arose between the former secretary of the interior, ________________, and the new secretary, ________________ , over concern about the nation’s forest and mineral reserves.

3. Detail: Two of Taft’s achievements were the creation of the ________________ , which investigated child labor, and the ________________ , which monitored mining companies, expanded national forests, and protected waterpower sites from private development.
Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
How did Presidents Roosevelt and Taft work to limit big business as well as protect natural resources?

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