

PRESIDENTS – TERMS ZAP (for Beginners)

Learn the Number of Consecutive Terms Each President Served

Number of Players on Each Team/Length of the Match: Each team may have 1, 2, or 3 players. The teams decide on the length of the match, i.e., how many games a team must win to win the match, ranging from 1 win to 10 wins.

For each game:

Cards Used: President Fact Cards

Overview and Objective: For each game, the teams play 8 tricks. A “trick” is when each team plays one President Fact Card from its hand. The “lead team” for each trick is the team that plays its card first. The “non-leading team” for each trick is the team that plays its card second. Each team tries to win as many tricks as it can.

Determining the lead team for each trick: The teams should alternate which team is the lead team for the first trick of a game (for the first game, use rock, paper, scissors or another method to determine which team will be the lead team for the first trick). For each trick other than the first trick of a game, whichever team wins the trick is the lead team for the next trick.

Step 1: Deal 9 President Fact Cards to each team face-down. The teams may look at their cards.

Step 2: Each team then discards 1 card, face-down, so that each team has 8 cards.

Step 3: Game Play

- For each trick, the lead team (1) plays a card face-up, and (2) states the name of the President it is playing. The non-leading team then plays a card face-up.
- For each trick, the lead team wins the trick UNLESS the non-leading team plays a card that “zaps” the card played by the lead team. The non-leading team’s card “zaps” the lead team’s card only if the non-leading team plays a President who served the same number of terms during his presidency as the President played by the lead team.

The non-leading team wins the trick when the Presidents played by each team:

- both served less than 1 term
- both served 1 term,
- both served between 1 and 2 terms,
- both served 2 terms, or
- each team plays a Franklin D. Roosevelt PRESIDENT FACT CARD on the trick)

Notes

1. When both teams play the same President, the non-leading team wins the trick.
2. Grover Cleveland had two separate presidencies and served one term during each presidency.

Determining Who Wins a Game: The first team to win 5 tricks wins the game. If both teams win 4 tricks, whichever team wins the last trick wins the game. If a team wins 5 tricks before all the tricks have been played, there is no need to play the final tricks for the game.

Optional Change When You're Ready to Make the Game Even More Challenging: Have the lead team on each trick play its card face-down.