

# PRESIDENTS WORKSHEET **A5**

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#11: The Cabinet that Fillmore inherited from Taylor resigned.

#13 is known as “Seward’s Folly.”