

Fed Chair Power Rating

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Sports fans often assign a “power rating” to teams and players to measure their strength. In today’s activity, we will research some of the most recent chairs of the Federal Reserve and assign them “power ratings” to express how truly influential they have been in the United States economy. In this activity, we will judge each person’s prerequisites, ability to play defense and offense.

Chair (circle one):

Janet Yellen Ben Bernanke Alan Greenspan Paul Volcker

- Prerequisites** will be measured by academic background, research, and previous career qualifications.
- Offensive acumen** will be evaluated using the chair’s major accomplishments while in office and whether he/she was successful in accomplishing the goals for which he/she was originally selected.
- Defensive strength** will be determined by the chair’s ability to overcome obstacles, both in the economy and political pressures, while holding the chairmanship.
- The chair in question may receive 1-4 points for each category. The rubric for awarding points is as follows:
1 - extremely weak 2 - relatively weak 3 - relatively strong 4 - extremely strong
- BONUS!** Your group may award up to 2 bonus points for other significant accomplishments not listed in the first three categories. You may also choose to *subtract* up to 2 points for major blunders or problems that emerged as a result of the chair’s policies.
- This is a group activity, so remember that you and your team members must come to a consensus!

	Prerequisites	Offensive Acumen	Defensive Strength	Other
Details				
Power Rating	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	-2 -1 0 +1 +2

Overall Power Rating is _____

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	Strengths	Weaknesses	Overall Impression
Janet Yellen			
Ben Bernanke			
Alan Greenspan			
Paul Volcker			