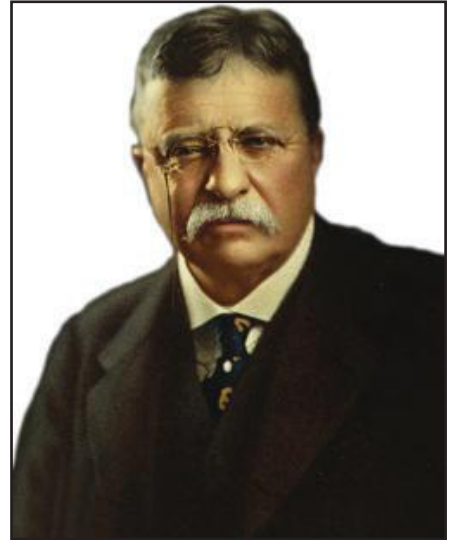


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Theodore Roosevelt

by Katie Clark

America's twenty-sixth president was a man named Theodore Roosevelt. He did many great things for the country. He helped many people. He helped conserve the country's natural lands. He also partnered with other countries to bring about peace.



Though he became president, he didn't really mean to do it. He started as the vice-president. President William McKinley was elected at the end of the year 1900. He took the oath of office at the beginning of 1901, and Mr. Roosevelt was sworn in as his vice-president.

However, in September of 1901, McKinley was shot and killed. Roosevelt became the next president.

Roosevelt was born in New York City in 1858. His family was rich, and he was able to go to Harvard College in 1880. Once he graduated, he began law school. However, he did not finish law school. Instead, he joined politics.

Roosevelt was a popular public servant. He served in the state of New York in 1882, and in 1889 he worked with the United States Civil Service. Other jobs he held included working with the New York City Police as well as the American Navy.

These weren't all happy years for Mr. Roosevelt, though. In 1884, both his wife and his mother died. He took two years away from public life to recover from his grief. He spent that time working on his ranch in North Dakota.

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Once he became president, he gained fame across the whole country. This was for many reasons. One of them was because he believed in helping people. He helped American workers get fair wages and better working conditions. His policies were known as the Square Deal.

He also worked hard to preserve America's natural beauty. He founded the United States Forest Service. He also signed the National Monuments Act in 1906. These actions helped protect lands across the country, including the Grand Canyon.

President Roosevelt also used his power to help other nations. He won a Nobel Peace Prize for his work in ending a war between Russia and Japan. He also helped the country of Panama and went on to begin building the Panama Canal.

When his term ended, he sought re-election. He won the election easily because the people liked the changes he had been making. He left a strong legacy because of all the work he did during his service to the country. However, this wasn't his only legacy! Theodore Roosevelt was often called "Teddy" for short.

Once, in 1902, he was hunting in Mississippi. Some of the other hunters captured a bear. They wanted President Roosevelt to shoot it. He refused to kill it. He said he did not think it was fair.

The whole country admired his beliefs. Toy companies began selling stuffed bears they called "Teddy Bears" in his honor.

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- 1) In paragraph one, the writer introduces three great things that President Roosevelt did for the country. Recount these and support each great thing with an evidence from the later part of the text.

The 3 Great things Roosevelt did	Textual evidence

- 2) Which of the following best represents the central idea of the passage?
- a) The great legacy left by President Roosevelt
 - b) The greatest President America has ever seen
 - c) President Roosevelt and Teddy bears
 - d) The revolutionary Square Deal

- 3) Describe the Square Deal in your own words.

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- 4) Which popular toy was named after Theodore Roosevelt? Recount the incident that led to this.

- 5) List out the evidence that the writer provides to justify his statement, "Once he became the President, he gained fame across the whole country."
