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Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt was born on October 27, 1858 and raised in New York City. He was the second of four children. He had an older sister named Anna, a younger brother named Elliott and a younger sister named Corinne. Neither Theodore nor his brothers or sisters attended school, public or private. Instead, they were tutored at home by their Aunt Anna.

As a young boy, Theodore was extremely frail and small. Though he had asthma, he was a very active child. He loved stories of adventure and anything to do with nature. To give him strength, Theodore or "Teedie" as he was nicknamed, even took boxing lessons.

The Roosevelt's traveled frequently as his family toured Europe several times as well as the Middle East. At the appropriate age, Theodore went on to attend Harvard College.

After graduating from Harvard College, Theodore went on to attend Columbia Law School but dropped out early to begin his life in politics. In 1901, President McKinley was shot and eventually passed away. Theodore assumed the presidency in 1901, as he became the nation's youngest president at the age of 42. He was our twenty-sixth president of the United States. He was also re-elected for another four years in the 1904 election.

One time on a hunting trip in Mississippi, Roosevelt was asked to shoot a black bear that had been caught and tied to a tree. Roosevelt refused. However, a political cartoon was drawn showing Roosevelt refusing to shoot a bear. This cartoon inspired a Brooklyn store owner to create a new toy, a stuffed bear with a sign that read, "Teddy's bear". Thus, how we got the teddy bear.

Though Roosevelt's life was greatly involved in politics, it was his personality and character that people remember him most. Over his lifetime, he endured many hard times such as losing his first wife and mother on the same day. But what would be true throughout his life, he persevered with his "never give in" attitude and accomplished great things.

Roosevelt was very popular amongst Americans. Roosevelt has been described as a "great personality, a great activist, a great preacher of the moralities, a great conversationalist, a great showman," by historian Thomas Bailey. You can find his image engraved in stone alongside Jefferson, Washington, and Lincoln on Mount Rushmore.

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Theodore Roosevelt Questions

1. Where was Theodore Roosevelt born and raised?

2. How many siblings did he have?

3. As a boy, where did Theodore go to school?

4. What sickness did Theodore struggle with?

5. What activity did Theodore do to help give him strength?

6. Where did the family take several tours?

7. Where did Theodore attend college?

8. What President was shot in 1901?

9. Roosevelt became the United States _____ President.
10. What state did Theodore go on a hunting trip to?

11. Why is the teddy bear named after him?

12. What happened to his mother and first wife on the same day?

13. His “_____” attitude is what people loved about him.
14. Where can you find his picture engraved along with Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson? _____

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Theodore Roosevelt Answers

1. Where was Theodore Roosevelt born and raised? **New York City**
2. How many siblings did he have? **3**
3. As a boy, where did Theodore go to school? **At home**
4. What sickness did Theodore struggle with? **Asthma**
5. What activity did Theodore do to help give him strength? **Boxing**
6. Where did the family take several tours? **Europe and the Middle East**
7. Where did Theodore attend college? **Harvard/Columbia Law School**
8. What President was shot in 1901? **McKinley**
9. Roosevelt became the United States **26th** President.
10. What state did Theodore go on a hunting trip to? **Mississippi**
11. Why is the teddy bear named after him? **A toy store owner was inspired by a political cartoon**
12. What happened to his mother and first wife on the same day? **Both died**
13. His “**never give in**” attitude is what people loved about him.
14. Where can you find his picture engraved along with Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson? **Mount Rushmore**