

## Theodore Roosevelt

1906

*“I am a part of everything that I have read.”*

Theodore Roosevelt visited many places. He went to Africa, the wild American West, and the rainforest of South America.

Roosevelt said that countries should live in peace. He said big countries should help smaller countries.

When he was a boy Roosevelt had **asthma**. His father said to play outside so he would feel better. When he went out to play he started to like animals and **science**.

Roosevelt was the Chief of Police in New York City. He made the city safe for all people.



- **United States President**
- **Roosevelt made National Parks for people to visit**
- **He is the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize**

**The Teddy Bear is named  
after  
Theodore Roosevelt.**

Roosevelt was in charge of the US Navy. An argument with Spain started a war.

Roosevelt went to the war to fight. He and his men were called the **Rough Riders**. They fought at the Battle of San Juan Hill.

Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United State when President William McKinley died.

He was elected President in 1904.

President Roosevelt helped the **environment**. One law made parks for animals to live and for people to visit. These were the **National Parks**. The

**US Forest Service** was started by Roosevelt to take care of the parks and the animals he loved.

One time Roosevelt was hunting and his friends asked him to shoot a bear. He did not want to shoot the bear. When he came home people liked that he did not shoot the bear and named their toy stuffed bears after him. They called them “Teddy’s Bears.” Stuffed bears are still called Teddy Bears after Teddy Roosevelt.

**Booker T. Washington** visited the White House. Washington was the first African-American to have dinner there.

Roosevelt was the first American to receive the **Nobel Peace Prize** for stopping a war between Russia and Japan.

President Roosevelt went to Africa to hunt big animals. He also went to South America to visit the Rainforest.

In 1920 Roosevelt wanted to be president again but he died. He was 60. His son Archie sent a **telegraph** to rest of the family. It said:

“The old lion is dead.”



## Classroom Activities

### Words to learn

1. **asthma**
2. **science**
3. **Rough Riders**
4. **environment**
5. **US Forest Service**
6. **Panama Canal**
7. **Nobel Peace Prize**
8. **telegraph**
9. **Booker T. Washington**

### Study Questions

1. Roosevelt was sick when he was a boy. What did he do to feel better?
2. Roosevelt believed that bigger countries should take care of smaller ones. Do you think this is good?
3. What did Roosevelt do to help the environment?
4. Why are National Parks good for us?
5. Why did Roosevelt win the Nobel Peace Prize?

### Introductory and Extended Exercises

Roosevelt said: “Walk softly and carry a big stick”. What did he mean?

Find a picture of the stuffed bear that was named Teddy’s Bear. Ask your Grandparents if they had a bear like this?

### Technology Option

Go to [Fun Facts about Teddy Roosevelt](#). Watch fun facts about Teddy Roosevelt. How was the Teddy Bear named?

