

# Theodore Roosevelt



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*Photo of Theodore Roosevelt*

Theodore Roosevelt was an American president. He loved animals and nature. He did a lot to help protect land and create national forests while he was president.

Roosevelt's love of animals and nature started when he was young. Roosevelt was sick when he was a child. To get stronger, he spent a lot of time outdoors. He played a lot with animals. His love of animals lasted.

When Roosevelt was an adult, he had kids. His kids also loved animals. His family lived in the White House when he was president. Roosevelt's kids had many pets. The pets included dogs, raccoons, snakes, rats, guinea pigs, and a pony!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Who was Theodore Roosevelt?**

- A. He was an American president.
- B. He was a famous movie star.
- C. He was a national park ranger.

**2. Roosevelt loved nature. What did this love for nature make him do as president?**

- A. He made his kids get rid of their pets.
- B. He did a lot to protect land.
- C. He hurt the land

**3. Read these sentences from the passage:**

"To get stronger, he spent a lot of time outdoors. He played a lot with animals."

**Why did Roosevelt love animals and nature so much?**

- A. He played outside with animals as a child.
- B. An animal saved his life.
- C. His children taught him to love animals.

4. What is "Theodore Roosevelt" mostly about?

- A. Roosevelt's time as president
- B. Roosevelt's love of animals and nature
- C. Roosevelt's children

5. Why did Roosevelt need to get stronger when he was a child?

When he was a child, Roosevelt was \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. What did you learn from "Theodore Roosevelt"?

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7. **Class Discussion Question:** Why did Roosevelt love animals and nature so much? Use information from the text to support your answer.

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8. Draw one of the pets that lived in the White House with President Roosevelt.