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Who was the Youngest President of the United States?



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Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest man to reach the presidency. Roosevelt was a sickly and weak child who suffered from asthma. He seldom left home, where he stayed and learned about natural history. Later, he was known for being very adventurous. Roosevelt swam with sharks to explore a shipwreck, made expeditions to Africa and the jungles of Brazil, and he joined a boxing program at the university.

Theodore Roosevelt loved nature. At his parents' house, he started a natural history museum full of bones, skins, and skulls of animals that he had found. His love for nature remained an important part of his life, even during his presidency.

Theodore Roosevelt was elected vice president in 1900. After the assassination of President William McKinley, Roosevelt became president at the age of only forty-two. When Roosevelt was president, he enacted laws to create forests and national parks. That is why he is known as the conservation president.



Roosevelt promoted the completion of the Panama Canal, sent the Great White Fleet from the United States to circumnavigate the world to demonstrate the power of his nation, and negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War. He won the Nobel Peace Prize, thus becoming the first American to win a Nobel Peace Prize. He was known for his motto, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

Did you know that the teddy bear was named Teddy Bear in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, whose nickname was Teddy? Some toy manufacturers had the idea of making teddy bears because they knew that President Roosevelt liked the animals.



Theodore Roosevelt is considered by Americans as one of its most important presidents. He is one of the four presidents sculpted in the granite of Mount Rushmore with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln.

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What was named in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt?

- A. the teddy bear
- B. the frog "Kermit"
- C. the cat "Garfield"
- D. the dog "Pluto"



2. What is true about Teddy Roosevelt?

- A. He was a strong child and went out a lot.
- B. He did not like nature.
- C. He wanted to finish the Panama Canal.
- D. He is the oldest president in the history of the United States.

3. Roosevelt negotiated the end of the Russo-Japanese War, so he _____.

- A. won the Olympic medal
- B. won the purple heart medal
- C. won the Nobel Peace Prize
- D. all the above

4. Which of the following were promoted by Roosevelt?

- A. laws to create forests and national parks
- B. the construction of the Suez Canal
- C. travel to the moon
- D. all of the above



5. Theodore Roosevelt is one of the four presidents sculpted on _____.

- A. Mount Vesuvius
- B. the Eiffel Tower
- C. Mount Rushmore
- D. Zion Park

