

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

1858-1919



On October 27, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt was born in New York City. In 1901, he became the 26th President of the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest man to become President, but he was not the youngest man to be elected President. John F. Kennedy was the youngest man to be elected President.

Two of the ways to become President of the United States are: a person can be elected or, if the President dies while in office, then the Vice President becomes President. In 1901, Roosevelt was Vice President when President William McKinley died after being shot. Upon the death of McKinley, Roosevelt became President.

Roosevelt was a very popular President. He was full of energy, and always wanted to be in the middle of all the action.

Before "Teddy," the name that

Roosevelt was called by millions of Americans, became President, he was famous as the leader of the Rough Riders. The Rough Riders were soldiers who fought in Cuba during the Spanish-American War in 1898.

While Roosevelt was President, two of the greatest inventions were developed. In 1908, Henry Ford's "Model T" went on the market, and the Wright Brothers began flying their airplane.

While Roosevelt was in office, the population of the United States was about 90 million. Oklahoma became the 46th state to join the Union, and the San Francisco earthquake killed about 700 people.

Theodore Roosevelt died on January 6, 1919. His health had been damaged while he was on a hunting trip in the jungles of Brazil about four years earlier.

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Answer the questions.

1. How did Theodore Roosevelt become President in 1901?

2. At what age did he become President? _____
3. What word in paragraph four means *well-liked and favored by many people*? _____
4. What nickname was given to Roosevelt? _____
5. Who were the Rough Riders? _____

6. Name two things that were invented during Roosevelt's presidency.

7. The population of the U.S. during the early 1900's was about

8. Which state became the 46th to join the Union? _____
9. Where did an earthquake kill 700 people? _____
10. What happened to Roosevelt while he was in Brazil? _____

11. In what year did he go to Brazil to hunt? _____
12. At what age did Teddy Roosevelt die? _____

Research: Read more about the Spanish-American War in an encyclopedia. Write a paragraph telling what this war was about.