



Teddy Roosevelt and the Teddy Bears' Picnic

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Project Details...

Time for completion...	1 – 1.5 hours
Appropriate for ages...	5 – 7 years
Number of Children's University Credits earned...	1 Stamp
Proof of Completion (brought to a local library)	Completed information sheet, and coloured picture of Teddy Roosevelt (along with your favourite teddy bear).

Aims and objectives...

This activity will help you to understand more about American history and President Teddy Roosevelt. As you colour a picture of Teddy Roosevelt, sing a song about Teddy Bears, and read about his life. You will learn about what he did how he helped to change the Grizzly Bear from a scary beast to a loveable cuddly friend.

Introduction...

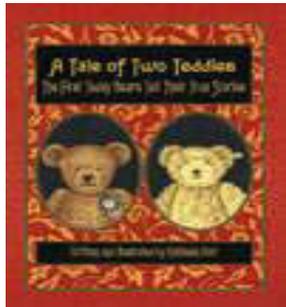


Theodore 'Teddy' Roosevelt was the 26th President of the United States of America. When he was a child he had asthma and spent a lot of time in bed. He did not go to school, but studied at home instead. His favourite subject was to read about animals. When he got older his asthma got better and he was able to go to one of the best schools in America, Harvard University. After he graduated Roosevelt became a soldier and fought in the Spanish-American War from the back of a horse as part of a group called the 'Rough Riders.'

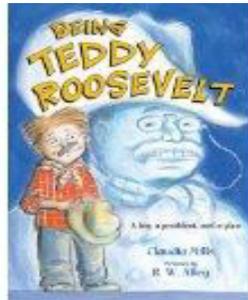
When he was 42 years old he became the youngest American President. Even after he was elected President, he never gave up his love for animals. He was the first person to save land to make National Parks, and Wildlife Refuges. This may be why the plush Grizzly Bear was called the Teddy Bear after Teddy Roosevelt.



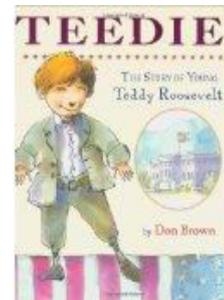
Suggested Reading...



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Sing-a-long...

(Click below the picture of the Teddy Bears' Picnic to sing along with this famous American song)

The Teddy Bears' Picnic Lyrics

If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise
 If you go down in the woods today you'd better go in disguise
 For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain
 Because today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic

Every Teddy Bear who's been good is sure of a treat today
 There's lots of marvellous things to eat and wonderful games to play
 Beneath the trees where nobody sees they'll hide and seek as long as they please
 That's the way the Teddy Bears have their picnic
 Picnic time for Teddy Bears
 The little Teddy Bears are having a lovely time today
 Watch them, catch them unawares and see them picnic on their holiday
 See them gaily gad about
 They love to play and shout
 They never have any cares
 At six o'clock their Mummies and Daddies will take them home to bed
 'Cause they're tired little Teddy Bears

If you go down in the woods today you better not go alone
 It's lovely down in the woods today but savor to stay at home
 For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain
 Because today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic



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(Answers to these questions can be found by reading any of the suggested books)

1) Where was Teddy Roosevelt born?

2) Was Teddy healthy as a boy? Why?

3) What were some of the things that he liked to do as a child?

4) What was one thing that he did when he grew up?

5) What is one thing that you would do if you were President of the United States?

Well Done!! Once you have completed this sheet, and coloured your picture, bring them in to your local library (with your favourite teddy) to receive your Children's University credit!

