

Video Questions: Theodore Roosevelt

1. How is TR described? FIRST MODERN PRESIDENT, MAN OF WAR, ACTION, VISION
2. What is TR's Georgia connection? HIS MOTHER WAS FROM ROSWELL (A SOUTHERN BELLE)
3. What was his childhood like? HOME SCHOOLED BECAUSE HE WAS A SICKLY CHILD
4. What does he do in 1881? IS ELECTED TO NY STATE ASSEMBLY
5. How does his politics change? BECOMES SYMPATHETIC TO IMMIGRANTS AND LABOR
6. What happens on February 14, 1884? BOTH HIS MOTHER AND WIFE DIE
7. What does he decide to do? MOVE TO NORTH DAKOTA TO BECOME A CATTLE RANCHER
8. What office does he run for in 1886? LOSES THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY
9. What appointments does he receive? FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER; POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY
10. What reforms does he support? USING TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT CRIME, CLEAN UP CORRUPTION
11. What happens in 1897? IS APPOINTED ASST. SECRETARY OF NAVY
12. What did he think? USA SHOULD BECOME A GLOBAL POWER, ESTABLISH AN EMPIRE
13. What happens in 1898? CONGRESS DECLARES WAR ON SPAIN, "REMEMBER THE MAINE!"
14. What does he do? QUILTS HIS JOB TO ORGANIZE A VOLUNTEER UNIT, THE "ROUGH RIDERS"
15. What office does he hold after the war? ELECTED GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK
16. How do the Republican Party leaders get rid of him? ARRANGE FOR HIM TO BECOME VICE PRESIDENT
17. What was his vision of government? IT SHOULD SERVE ALL GROUPS, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY AND BIG CORPORATIONS
18. How was he a new and different kind of President? SAW THE PRESIDENCY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT OFFICE IN GOVERNMENT,
19. What did he believe he should do as President? ANYTHING NOT EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN BY THE LAW AND CONSTITUTION
20. What was his new idea about the role of the federal government? IT SHOULD PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST (PUBLIC GOOD)
21. What would he aggressively do? ATTACK THE POWER OF THE BIG CORPORATIONS (TRUSTS), ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THEIR INFLUENCE
22. What was the Roosevelt Corollary? THE USA HAD THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO POLICE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE (COROLLARY TO THE MONROE DOCTRINE)
23. What was his big stick? US NAVAL POWER
24. Who did he want to keep out of the Caribbean? EUROPEAN POWERS SUCH AS THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS
25. What was he the first president to do? TAKE A TRIP OUTSIDE OF THE USA WHILE PRESIDENT
26. How much did the Panama Canal cost? \$380 MILLION (ALMOST \$8 BILLION IN TODAY'S CURRENCY)
27. What was the Square Deal? TR'S PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ORDINARY AMERICANS
28. What did it call for? RESTRICTING CORPORATE POWER (TRUSTBUSTING), RESPECTING LABOR, MODEST UPLIFT FOR BLACKS AND CONSERVATION
29. What is its most important legacy? SETTING ASIDE LARGE AREAS OF FEDERAL LANDS FROM DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION
30. How did he save Pelican Island? DECLARED IT A FEDERAL BIRD RESERVE
31. What would he receive in 1905? NOBEL PEACE PRIZE Why? NEGOTIATING THE END TO THE RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR (JAPAN WON)
32. What did he regard as his great achievement in 1907-1908? THE BUILD-UP OF THE "GREAT WHITE FLEET"
33. What was its purpose? TO PROJECT AMERICAN POWER AROUND THE WORLD
34. What does he decide to do in 1908? NOT TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM
35. Where does he travel to? AFRICA
36. What story is told of his trip to Mississippi? HOW THE TEDDY BEAR CAME ABOUT
37. How do his feelings about Taft change? HE IS DISAPPOINTED IN TAFT AS PRESIDENT, TAFT WAS NOT A CONSERVATIONIST
38. What happens in the election of 1912? TR RUNS AND WINS MOST OF THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES THOUGH PARTY BOSSES DENY HIM THE NOMINATION; HE RUNS AS A THIRD PARTY CANDIDATE
39. What was the platform of the Progressive Party? SUFFRAGE RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, SUPPORT FOR WORKMEN COMPENSATION LAWS, REGULATION OF TRUSTS, HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

40. What happens on October 14, 1912? TR IS SHOT IN MILWAUKEE, GIVES SPEECH AND THEN GOES TO THE HOSPITAL
41. How does TR do in the election? WINS OVER 27% OF THE POPULAR VOTE, DEMOCRAT WOODROW WILSON WINS THE ELECTION
42. What does he decide to do next? GO TO BRAZIL, NEARLY DIES FROM FEVER, HEALTH IS RUINED
43. Why should TR be remembered? PRESIDENT WHO LED USA INTO 20TH CENTURY AND BECAME A WORLD POWER, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAME A FORCE FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD
44. What did TR believe? LEADERSHIP REQUIRES TAKING RISKS AND FACE POSSIBLE FAILURE, BETTER TO FAIL THAN NOT TO ATTEMPT TO DO GREAT THINGS