

Theodore Roosevelt

Inaugural

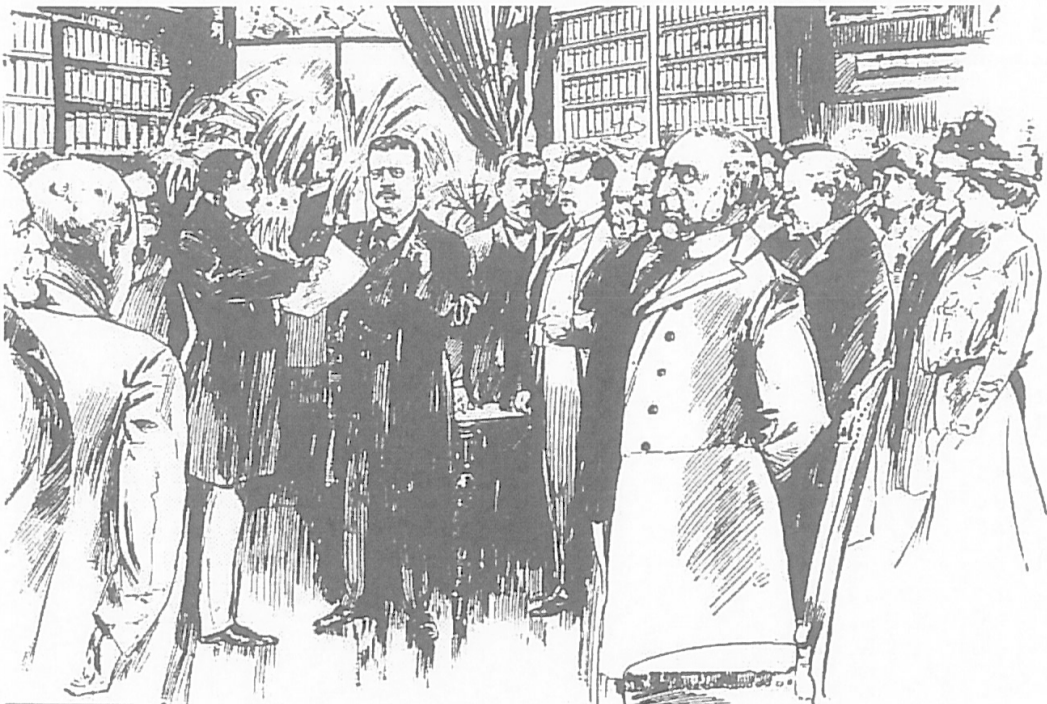
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Junior Ranger Activities Booklet



You are a newspaper reporter lucky enough to be in Buffalo to witness these exciting events on September 14, 1901! Can you get your newspaper together to tell the nation what happened?

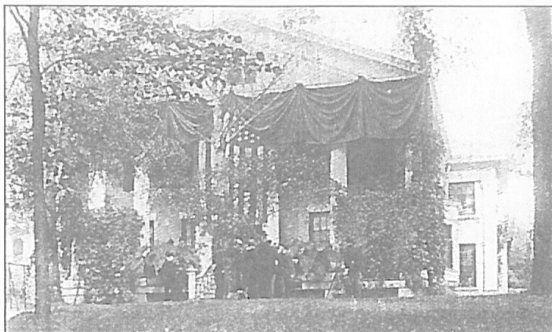
Levels of Participation:

Up to age 7: Complete 3 Activities

Age 8-10 : Complete 4 Activities

Age 11 and up: Complete All 5 Activities

Completed booklets must be redeemed at the reception desk before leaving to receive a badge.



The Wilcox home on September 14, 1901

Most presidents become president in our nation's capital, Washington D.C. A presidential inauguration is the ceremony where a person takes the oath of office and becomes president. However, not all of America's presidents have been inaugurated in Washington, D.C. Theodore Roosevelt became president in Buffalo, NY instead!

The president before him, President William McKinley, had been visiting Buffalo when he was shot. He died eight days later. The country needed a president, so the Vice-President, Theodore Roosevelt, had to take his oath of office as soon as possible. On September 14, 1901, Roosevelt became president of the United States at the Buffalo home of his friend, Ansley Wilcox.

Did you know that the teddy bear is named after Teddy Roosevelt?

In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt traveled to Mississippi to settle a boundary dispute between the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. His hosts arranged a hunting trip. In order to ensure the president a trophy, a black bear was captured and tied to a tree. President Roosevelt, being a sportsman, refused to shoot an animal that did not have a chance to outsmart the hunter. This incident inspired a political cartoonist, Clifford Berryman, to create a cartoon which fired the imagination of the public. Soon after, a toy manufacturer used his name on the new toy, a stuffed furry bear. "Teddy's Bear" was born !

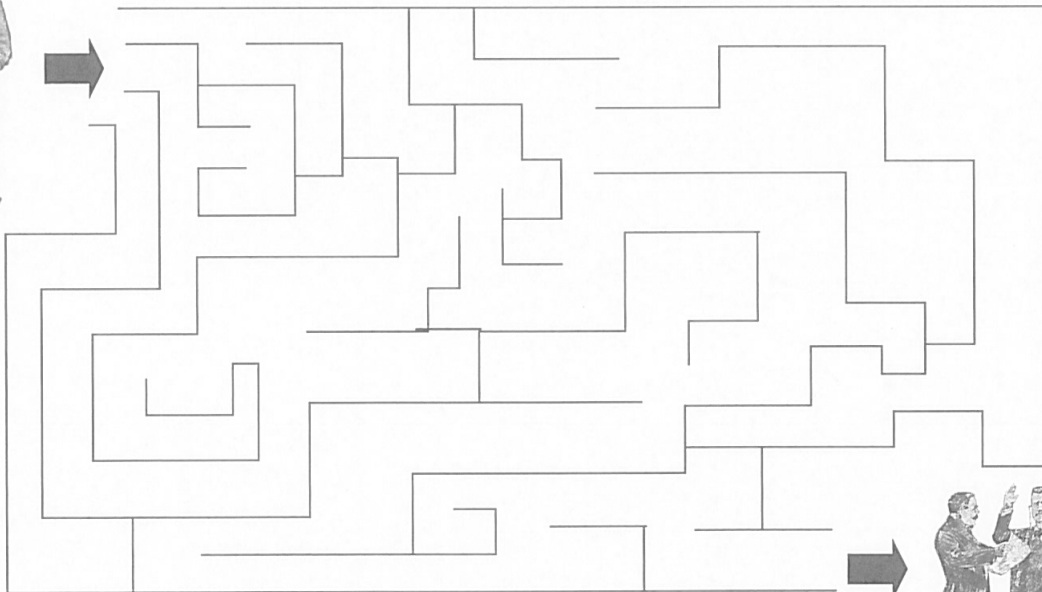


1. Let's Get to Buffalo!

Theodore Roosevelt was assured President McKinley was recovering from gunshot wounds he had suffered in an attack, and TR went on a vacation in the Adirondack Mountains with his family. Unfortunately, President McKinley took a turn for the worse and Theodore Roosevelt had to quickly return to Buffalo in order to become the 26th President of the United States.



As Theodore Roosevelt travels back to Buffalo to take the Oath of Office, can you keep up with him?



2.

Getting the Picture

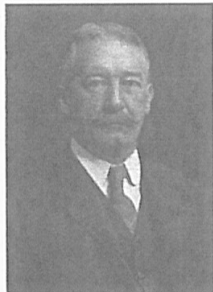
You have several photographs to illustrate your article, but they got mixed up. Can you match the photographs to the correct labels?



Ansley Wilcox



Wilcox House
(TR's inaugural site)



Theodore Roosevelt



The White House



William McKinley

3.

The Main Article

You need to file an article to your newspaper on what you have learned on your tour. Unfortunately, you can't read some words in your notes! Select words from this list to fill in the blanks in your article.

26th President / Library / Theodore Roosevelt
William McKinley / Wilcox / died / day of mourning / shot
Pan-American Exposition / oath of office

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Saturday, September 14, 1901

Buffalo, N.Y. - The nation has a new President, as _____ has taken the oath of office in Buffalo, NY at 3:30 this afternoon. The new President has vowed "to continue the policies of President McKinley for the peace, prosperity, and honor of our beloved country." His words come at the end of several very emotional and tragic days.

September began on a high note as Buffalo continued to celebrate the _____, a large international fair in the northern end of the city that opened in May of this year. President _____ spoke at the Exposition on September 5th, and on the 6th he was greeting the public when he was _____ by a man who has since been identified as Leon Czolgosz, a resident of Ohio. Over the next several days, President McKinley showed signs of improvement, but _____ eight days later, at 2:15 AM today.

Vice-President Roosevelt, who had been called back to Buffalo from the Adirondack Mountains, arrived in Buffalo eleven hours later. He immediately was taken to the home of his friend, Ansley _____, but insisted on paying his respects to Mrs. McKinley before taking the _____. Finally, he returned to the Wilcox home by 3:00 PM, to assume office. The oath was given by federal judge John Hazel in the _____ of the Wilcox home.

President Roosevelt's first official act as President, performed later that day, was to declare a national _____ for President McKinley. President Roosevelt is now the _____ of the United States.

4.

Crack the Code Telegram Reading

President Roosevelt has been receiving many telegram messages from across the nation. You have found one in the waste basket, but it is in Morse Code, which uses dots and dashes to represent letters of the alphabet. Can you translate it to find out what it says? (Spaces mark breaks between letters, and / marks a break between words.)

Example: H E L L O
-... .-... ---

Morse Code Key

A .-	H	O ---	V ...-
B -...	I ..	P .-..	W .--
C -.-.	J .---	Q ---.	X -.-.
D -..	K -.-	R .-.	Y -.-.
E .	L .-..	S ...	Z ---.
F ..-.	M --	T -	
G --.	N -.	U ...-	

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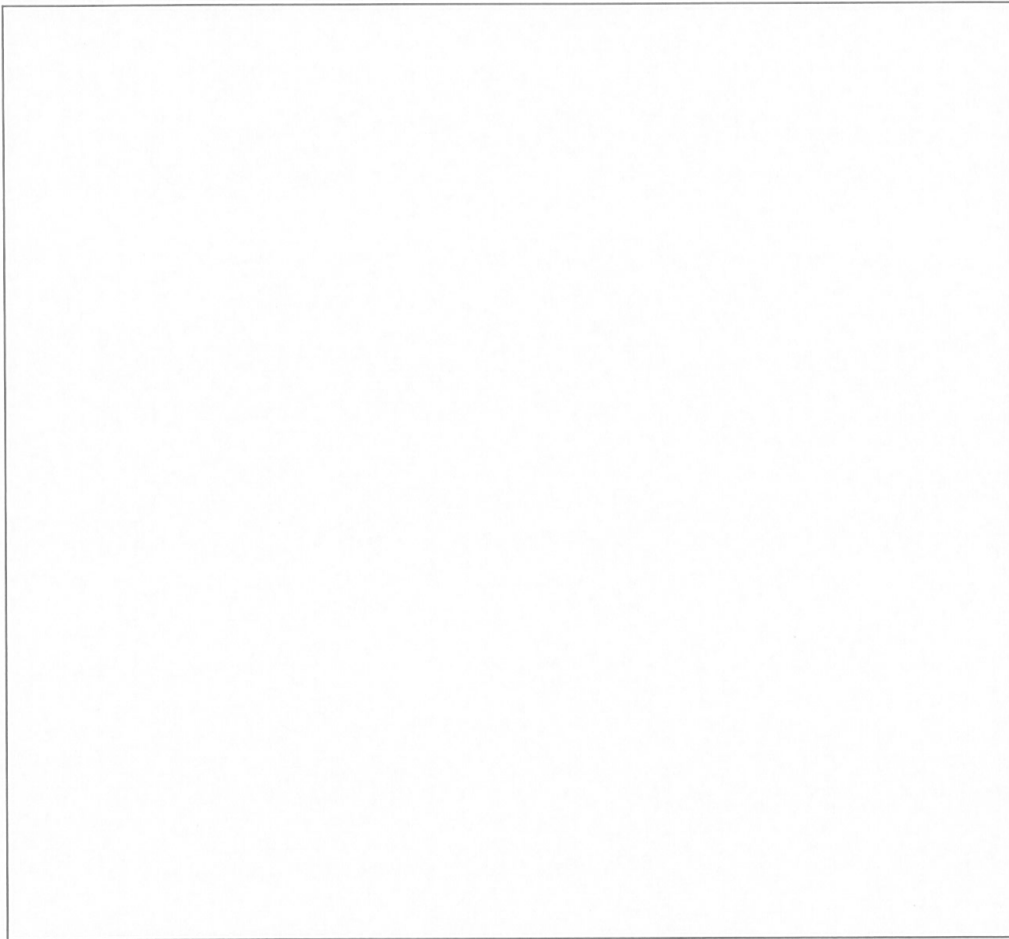
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5.

Illustrate Your Point

Artists were an important part of a 1901 newspaper staff. Sometimes sketches were used to depict events because no photograph was available. The cover of this booklet uses a 1901 newspaper sketch of Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration. Political cartoons were also used (and still are!) to send a serious message in a visual, and humorous, way. The inside cover reprints a famous 1902 cartoon of Theodore Roosevelt with a bear. Use this box to draw something you see on your tour, or to draw a political cartoon of Theodore Roosevelt.



Article II, Section 1 of the United States Constitution states that upon taking office, a new President of the United States must take the oath of office. Every U.S. President has repeated the same words. After swearing the oath, Theodore Roosevelt signed this written copy of the oath of office.

United States of America
Western district of New York } ss.

I, Theodore Roosevelt

*do solemnly swear that I will
faithfully execute the office of
president of the United States,
and will to the best of my
ability, preserve, protect and
defend the constitution of the
United States.*

Theodore Roosevelt

Subscribed and sworn

to before me this 14th

day of September, a.d. 1901

John R. Hazel
N.S.J.



