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Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home – *A Junior Ranger Activity*

Junior Ranger Program

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site
Junior Ranger Activities

"The nation's most valuable asset is the children; for the children are the nation of the future."

—Theodore Roosevelt
at the Jamestown Exposition, VA
June 10, 1907

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site is offering our young visitors a special opportunity to visit President Roosevelt's Summer White House and to have fun in the process by taking part in a number of different Junior Ranger Activities on site.

These activities will teach children about the Roosevelt family and their home while earning a Junior Ranger **badge** and **certificate**. These programs also introduce *Ranger Activities*, the concepts of conservation and stewardship to young people.

In order to earn the Junior Ranger badge, the young person must complete *any one* of several activities. These are the activities currently offered:

1. Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home
2. The Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt
3. Letterboxing Adventures at Sagamore Hill
4. The Wonderbook of Nature: Exploring Natural History at Sagamore Hill

Those completing three or more of the activities are entitled to the special Sagamore Hill Junior Ranger Patch. (You must show the certificates or the completed booklets to receive the patch.)

Mount Rushmore

A National Park Service site in South Dakota

The faces carved into the side of Mount Rushmore represent four American presidents.

Can you identify each of them?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What were some things that made Theodore Roosevelt special?

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Why do you think the sculptor of Mount Rushmore included Theodore's face?

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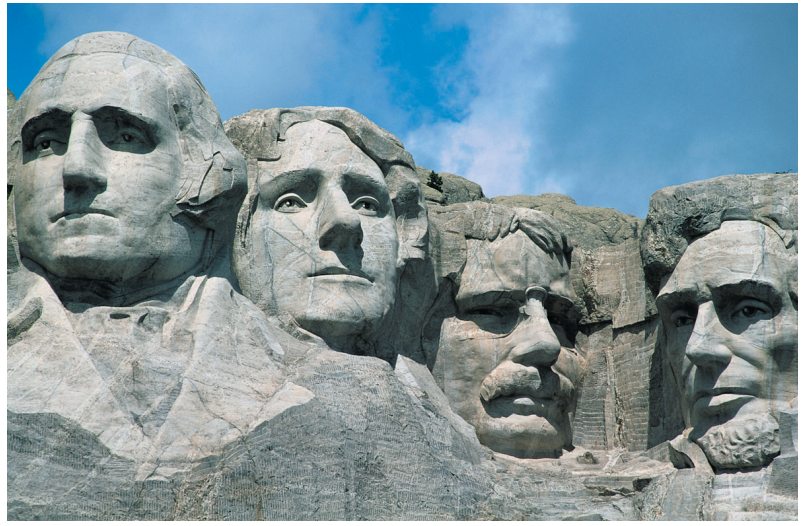

Theodore Roosevelt and Conservation

Through the years the National Park Service arrowhead has represented different things to different people. What do these things represent to you?

bison _____

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sequoia tree _____

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mountain range _____

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Please read the paragraph and circle the correct answer(s).

One thing Theodore Roosevelt is remembered for today is his dedication to conservation. Conservation happens when people decide to save, or conserve, natural resources (such as animals, forests, lakes, beaches, etc.) and also historic places (Indian burial grounds, presidents' homes, battlefields, etc.). Theodore Roosevelt saved millions of acres of land during his presidency. Many places he saved, like the Grand Canyon, became National Parks that people know and love. Even Theodore's own home, Sagamore Hill, became a National Park site after his death.

What does conservation mean?

A. to build new homes on the beach

B. to tear down old buildings

C. to save forests and lakes and to prevent historic buildings and battlefields from being destroyed

D. to clear forests and build amusement parks

Which of these is a National Park or a National Historic Site?
(there may be more than one)

A. Six Flags Great Adventure Park

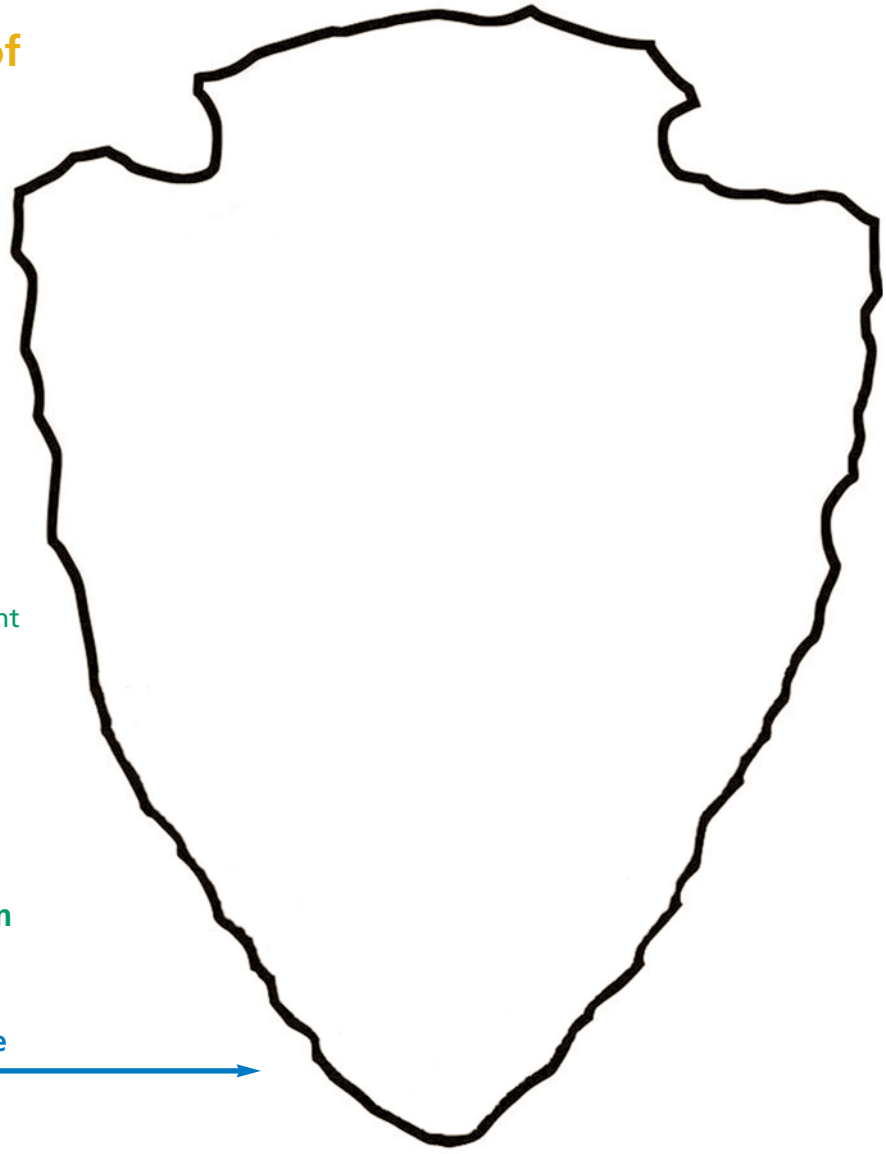
B. Disney World Resort

C. Grand Canyon

D. Sagamore Hill

E. Mount Rushmore

An Arrowhead of Your Own



The rangers here at Sagamore Hill would like you to design your own National Park Service arrowhead. You might want to look at the current arrowhead (on previous page) for inspiration.

Think about including **forests, lakes, historic homes, battlefields, American animals** or **important people from history.**

Please draw your arrowhead design in the blank outline.

Theodore Roosevelt and Adventure

Use this **Word Bank** to help:

safari

cowboy

Canal

airplane

National

Lake Huron

submarine

Theodore loved to explore the world and to experience new things. He spent time as a cowboy in the West. He was a soldier in the U.S. Army. He traveled to foreign countries like Germany, Panama, Egypt and Brazil. And he experienced new inventions such as the submarine and airplane. Each photograph shows Theodore in different places doing exciting things.

Use clues in the pictures and the Word Bank to fill in the blanks of each sentence.

President Theodore Roosevelt is doing his part to dig the Panama _____ by operating a huge steam shovel.

Theodore was delighted to be the first president to fly in an _____.

Theodore loved to travel to the West where he had been a

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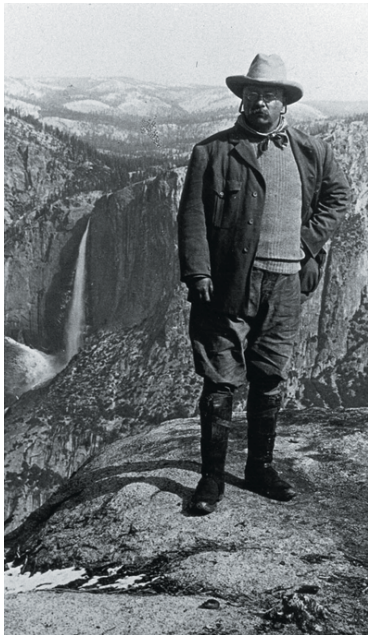
earlier in life.



Theodore Roosevelt was very dedicated to conservation. Whenever he got the chance, he visited our country's

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Parks, such as Yosemite in California.

Theodore enjoyed his year-long

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in Africa with his son Kermit.

The Panama Canal

Use this **Word Bank** to help:

Atlantic Ocean

New York

Lake Erie

Indian Ocean

Detroit

Pacific Ocean

San Francisco

One of Theodore Roosevelt's great international accomplishments during his time as president was the completion of the Panama Canal. It connected two major oceans for the first time and improved shipping, trade and the mobility of the U.S. Navy.

Complete the activities below to test your knowledge of the Panama Canal.

1. Match the letters on the map with the correct word from the Word Bank on the left. (Hint: The words can be used only once.)

2. Find Panama on the map (on opposite page) and circle it.

3. Draw, with a solid line, the route a ship would have to take from New York City to San Francisco before the canal was built.

4. Draw, with a dotted line, the route a ship could take after the completion of the Panama Canal.

Match these letters for activity 1.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Bonus: Why do you think Panama was chosen for the canal, and not another country?

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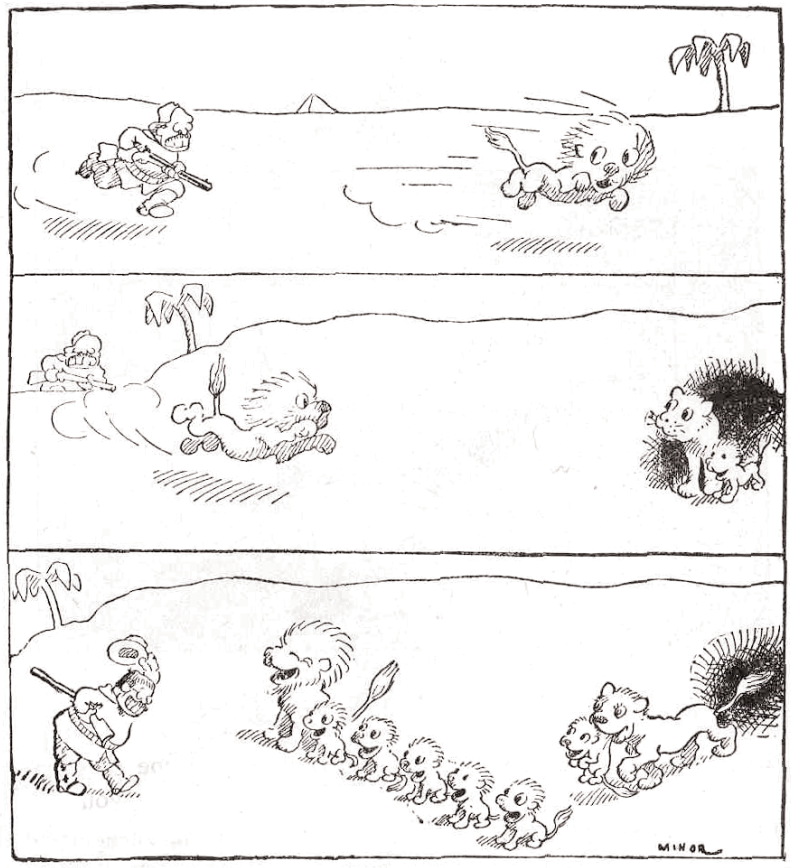
Map of
the Americas
RUSSIA
ARCTIC OCEAN
Bering Sea
UNITED STATES
Beaufort Sea
Greenland Sea
Greenland (DEN.)
Baffin Bay
ICELAND
Denmark Strait
IRELAND
U.K.
Davis Strait
Hudson Bay
Labrador Sea
CANADA
C
A
UNITED STATES
Gulf of Mexico
MEXICO
THE BAHAMAS
CUBA
HAITI
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
BELIZE
HONDURAS
GUATEMALA
EL SALVADOR
NICARAGUA
Caribbean Sea
D
B
COSTA RICA
PANAMA
TRINIDAD and TOBAGO
GUYANA
SURINAME
VENEZUELA
COLOMBIA
ECUADOR
PERU
BRAZIL
BOLIVIA
PARAGUAY
CHILE
ARGENTINA
URUGUAY
Scale 1:67,000,000
Azimuthal Equal-Area Projection
Falkland Islands
Cape Horn

A Political Cartoon

Cartoons can be used in different ways. They might appear in the comic section of your daily newspaper. You can also see many cartoon characters on the screen at your local movie theater.

Politicians, including many presidents, have appeared in cartoons for more than one hundred years. Political cartoons are different from most others you have seen. They are used to make people think about things that are happening in the world — but they do it in a fun way.

Spend a minute looking at the cartoon of Theodore Roosevelt chasing a lion during his safari in Africa. Answer the questions at right.



Robt. Minor, Jr., in the St. Louis *Post Dispatch*.

Why does Theodore suddenly stop and lift his hat to the lions?

Why do you think the cartoonist drew a lion family with six cubs?

Why do you think the cartoonist drew something like this?
(Hint: do you think the cartoonist really liked hunting?)

A Presidential Word Jumble

Example:

E R B A

This jumble becomes the word **BEAR**.

Use the clues to help discover the **scrambled words**.

Each jumble of letters below can be unscrambled to reveal a word. Try to unscramble the letters to make a word that has something to do with Theodore Roosevelt's life.

Y O W C S B O _____
These men take care of cattle out West.

Y A V N _____
It protects our country at sea.

A P A M N A _____
A country that is famous for its canal.

O B S I N _____
These animals are also called buffalo.

H A T A N M T N A _____
The place where Theodore was born.

Y O S R E T Y B A _____
The place where Theodore built his own home.

G O U H R I D R E R _____
A soldier in Theodore's cavalry regiment.

A S M G R O E A I L L H _____
The name Theodore gave to his home.

E L E P O H T N E _____
A form of communication new to Theodore.

C A A F R I _____
A place Theodore went on safari.

R I A L A N E P _____
Theodore was the first president to fly in one.

Z I L B A R _____
A country where Theodore explored the Amazon River.

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Home of Theodore Roosevelt

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Your name(s)

Explore and enjoy all the Junior Ranger Activities currently offered:

1. Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home

This activity is completed following a visit to the home of the 26th president. Children may do this when they visit with their families, or it is administered as a take-back-to-class activity for school groups who have visited.

2. The Theodore Roosevelt Museum History Hunt

Be a history detective and test your powers of observation. This activity is administered to young people and their families or during a site visit by school groups. For many children this will be their first Junior Ranger experience.

3. Letterboxing Adventures at Sagamore Hill

An activity in which you are the detective in search of a hidden letterbox using clues in this booklet. Letterboxing is known as The Outdoor Treasure Hunting Pastime and involves use of compass orientation and puzzle solving.

4. The Wonderbook of Nature: Exploring Natural History at Sagamore Hill

This activity book is a field guide to some selected species of plant and animal life found at Sagamore Hill. The activity teaches children to use a printed guide book to identify plants and animals.

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The Sagamore Hill Series: Connecting America's Children to Theodore Roosevelt and His Sagamore Hill Home. It is the purpose of this series to use historic photos, artifacts, political cartoons and the like, to tell the story at age appropriate language to reach young people and to serve as a platform and entry point for additional exploration and discovery via print and web-based distance-learning activities.

These materials were developed by the professional and volunteer National Park Service staff at Sagamore Hill NHS, Oyster Bay, New York, to mark the centenary of TR's Presidency in 2006.