

Lesson Plan

Presidential Problem-Solving

Book: *Theodore Roosevelt*

Series: Influential Presidents

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students find and cite key details in a nonfiction text about Theodore Roosevelt.

Supplies

- Several copies of the *Theodore Roosevelt* book
- Presidential Problem-Solving worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the Presidential Problem-Solving worksheet for each student.

Activity

Theodore Roosevelt was one of the most influential presidents in US history. He impacted the country in many ways. In this activity, students will explore some of the ideas and actions he's known for.

To start, pass out the Presidential Problem-Solving worksheet and explain that it contains questions about the *Theodore Roosevelt* book. Students should look for answers as they read through this book. Under each question, they should write both the answer and the page number where they found it.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets and use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer and 1 point for including the page number where they found it, for up to 24 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 4 (RI 4.1), and writing standards, grade 4 (W 4.8).

Presidential Problem-Solving

1. Which president chose Theodore Roosevelt to be his vice president?
2. What structure did Roosevelt construct to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
3. How many national parks did Roosevelt create?
4. What did Roosevelt do to the large railroad company that controlled the West?
5. In what year was Roosevelt elected governor of New York?
6. What major crisis did Roosevelt deal with in 1902?
7. What was the first office that Roosevelt held?
8. In 1898, which war did Roosevelt fight in?
9. What plan did Roosevelt make to support laws to help both workers and companies?
10. How old was Roosevelt when he became president?
11. How many cities did Roosevelt visit before the 1900 election?
12. A trip to which state helped form Roosevelt's interest in wildlife?

Presidential Problem-Solving **ANSWER KEY**

1. Which president chose Theodore Roosevelt to be his vice president?
William McKinley, p. 15
2. What structure did Roosevelt construct to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans?
The Panama Canal, p. 25
3. How many national parks did Roosevelt create?
Five, p. 20
4. What did Roosevelt do to the large railroad company that controlled the West?
He broke it up into smaller companies, p. 18
5. In what year was Roosevelt elected governor of New York?
1898, p. 12
6. What major crisis did Roosevelt deal with in 1902?
A coal miners' strike, p. 16
7. What was the first office that Roosevelt held?
Member of the New York State Assembly, p. 10
8. In 1898, which war did Roosevelt fight in?
The Spanish-American War, p. 12
9. What plan did Roosevelt make to support laws to help both workers and companies?
The "Square Deal," p. 23
10. How old was Roosevelt when he became president?
42 years old, p. 7
11. How many cities did Roosevelt visit before the 1900 election?
450 cities, p. 16
12. A trip to which state helped form Roosevelt's interest in wildlife?
North Dakota, p. 20