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THE READING / LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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As President, Roosevelt believed that the Government should play a greater role in the economy. He steered the U.S. more actively into world politics. He liked to quote a favorite proverb, "Speak softly and carry a big stick, and you will go far." He won the Nobel Peace Prize for mediating the Russo-Japanese War. Some of his biggest achievements were in conserving America's national parks. He died in 1919 aged 60.

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LISTENING GAP FILL

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STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Theodore Roosevelt in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about Theodore Roosevelt. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Theodore Roosevelt. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. THEODORE ROOSEVELT POSTER Make a poster about Theodore Roosevelt. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY THEODORE ROOSEVELT LESSON: Make your own English lesson on Theodore Roosevelt. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Theodore Roosevelt. Share your findings with the class.

