

# Discover America

## Course 10 - Teacher Guide



**AMERICA ON THE WORLD STAGE**

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## Key Themes

- Bravery
- Perseverance
- Loyalty

## Core Values

- Community
- Life
- Liberty

# Learning Objectives

**Students will be able to:**

- Describe the life of Teddy Roosevelt before he became President.
- Explain who the Rough Riders were.



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# Key Terms

- 01 **honor** – treat or regard with great respect.
- 02 **Mount Rushmore** – a large sculpture carved into a granite mountain in South Dakota, featuring the 60-foot heads of four U.S. presidents: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.
- 03 **Rough Riders** – a group of hunters, cowboys, sheriffs, glee club singers, Native Americans, and athletic college buddies who volunteered to fight for the United States against the Spanish in Cuba.
- 04 **The Spanish-American War** – conflict fought in Cuba and the Philippines that began in May 1898 between Spain and the United States.
- 05 **Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt** – war hero who created the Rough Riders; later became the 26th President of the United States.

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# Introduction

## TELL Students

In May 1898, the United States declared war against Spain. One of the heroes of that war was Teddy Roosevelt, who left his office job and volunteered to help fight the war. Let's learn more about Roosevelt and his role in the Spanish-American War in this episode of Star Spangled Adventures!

## WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode:  
*America on the World Stage*



Scan Me!



Teddy Roosevelt

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# Lesson

## **ASK** Students

Have you ever had to give something away that you loved?

**(allow students to respond)**

## **TELL** Students

Picture having everything you've ever desired – endless snacks, video games, and toys. Now, consider something so precious to you that you'd be willing to risk your safety for it. That is exactly what Theodore Roosevelt did.

**Theodore Roosevelt**, or Teddy, was born in 1858. Although many know him for his love of adventure, he actually faced a tough start. As a kid, he had asthma, which made it difficult to breathe. Rather than allowing it to hold him back, he chose to confront it head-on. To get better, Teddy worked hard. He exercised a lot and explored the outdoors. He was a real-life explorer, learning about nature and animals. He went to college to study nature.

## **ASK** Students

Teddy loved to learn about nature and animals.

What are your favorite things to study?

**(allow students to respond)**

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# Lesson

## TELL Students

After getting married and starting a political career, Teddy faced a huge loss. Both his wife and mother died within hours of each other. This made him really sad, so he left everything behind and went West to start a new life. In the American Frontier, Teddy became a cowboy, rancher, and even a sheriff! He faced blizzards and hunted bears, but his heart still longed for more. He missed the excitement of politics and helping people.

When trouble brewed between America and Spain, Teddy didn't sit back. He formed a group called the Rough Riders and led them to fight in **the Spanish-American War**. The **Rough Riders** were the first volunteer group of troops made up of hunters, cowboys, sheriffs, glee club singers, Native Americans, and athletic college buddies. They trained hard and were ready to fight for what they believed in. Teddy and his Rough Riders charged into battles, risking their own safety to fight for freedom. Their bravery helped America win, and Teddy became a hero.

## ASK Students

What group did Teddy Roosevelt form that fought in the Spanish-American War?

**(allow students to respond)**

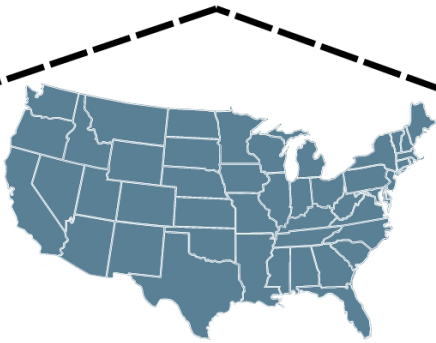
## TELL Students

After the war, Teddy did not stop working hard as a leader. He became the President of the United States! Even after his presidency, Teddy's courage inspired many. To honor his legacy, his face now graces **Mount Rushmore**, a large sculpture carved into a granite mountain in South Dakota, featuring the 60-foot heads of four U.S. presidents. To **honor** someone means to treat or regard them with great respect. Even today, Teddy remains a symbol of strength and bravery.

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# Cut & Match

America



Teddy  
Roosevelt



Rough  
Riders



Mount  
Rushmore



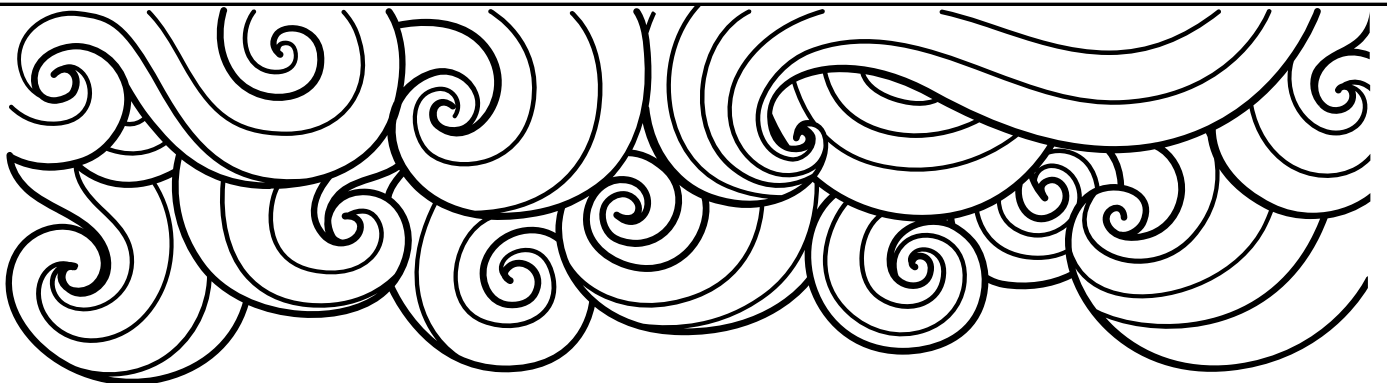
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“Do what **you can**, with what **you have**,  
where **you are**.”

- Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt



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# Resource List

- 01 <https://millercenter.org/president/roosevelt/life-before-the-presidency>
- 02 <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodore-Roosevelt>
- 03 <https://www.nps.gov/thrb/learn/historyculture/tr-rr-spanamwar.htm>
- 04 <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-maine-explodes>
- 05 <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodore-Roosevelt/The-Square-Deal>
- 06 <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/theodore-roosevelt/>
- 07 <https://www.theodorerooseveltcenter.org/Learn-About-TR/TR-Encyclopedia/War-and-Military-Affairs/The-Spanish-American-War>

