*After losing his bid for the United States Presidency as a candidate, Theodore Roosevelt decided to take on the most dangerous adventure left on earth.*

One day in 1908, when my presidential term was coming to a close, Father Zahm, a priest whom I knew, came in to call on me. Father Zahm and I had been cronies for some time, because we were both of us fond of Dante and of history and of science. He was an Ohio boy, and his early schooling had been obtained in old-time American fashion in a little log school; where, by the way, one of the other boys was Januarius Aloysius MacGahan, afterward the famous war correspondent and friend of Skobeloff. Father Zahm told me that MacGahan even at that time added an utter fearlessness to heroic tenderness for the weak, and was the defender of any small boy who was oppressed by a larger one. Later Father Zahm was at Notre Dame University, in Indiana, with Maurice Egan, whom, when I was President, I appointed minister to Denmark.

On the occasion in question Father Zahm had just returned from a trip across the Andes and down the Amazon, and came in to propose that after I left the presidency he and I should go up the Paraguay into the interior of South America. At the time I wished to go to Africa, and so the subject was dropped; but from time to time afterward we talked it over. Five years later, in the spring of 1913, I accepted invitations from governments of Argentina and Brazil to address certain academic clubs in these countries. Then it occurred to me that, instead of making the conventional tourist trip purely by sea round South America, after I had finished my lectures I would come north through the middle of the continent into the valley of the Amazon; and I decided to write Father Zahm and tell him my intentions. Before doing so, however, I desired to see the authorities of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City, to find out whether they cared to have me take a couple of naturalists with me into Brazil and make a collecting trip for the museum.

Accordingly, I wrote to Frank Chapman, the curator of ornithology of the museum, and accepted his invitation to lunch at the museum one day early in June. At the lunch, in addition to various naturalists, to my astonishment I also found Father Zahm; and as soon as I saw him I told him I was now intending to make the South American trip. It appeared that he had made up his mind that he would take it himself, and had actually come on to see Mr. Chapman to find out if the latter could recommend a naturalist to go with him; and he at once said he would accompany me. Chapman was pleased when he found out that we intended to go up the Paraguay and across into the valley of the Amazon, because much of the ground over which we were to pass had not been covered by collectors. He saw Henry Fairfield Osborn, the president of the museum, who wrote me that the museum would be pleased to send under me a couple of naturalists, whom, with my approval, Chapman would choose.

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| 1 | What word would best replace the word ‘cronies’ line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?   1. Teachers 2. Students 3. **Friends** 4. Cousins |  |
| 2 | How did Father Zahm feel about Dante, history and science?   1. They found it together 2. The absolutely loved it 3. **They liked it** 4. They disliked it |  |
| 3 | Which one of these statements is false?   1. Father Zahm went to school in Ohio 2. **Januarius Aloysius MacGahan went to school with Skobeloff** 3. Father Zahm went to a log school 4. Father Zahm and the narrator know the same people | “one of the other boys was Januarius Aloysius MacGahan, afterward the famous war correspondent and friend of Skobeloff.” |
| 4 | What does “defender of any small boy who was oppressed by a larger one” mean?   1. **MacGahan protected others from bullies** 2. MacGahan only protected small boys from big boys 3. MacGahan would gang up with small boys to bully big boys 4. MacGahan would oppress small boys as he was a big boy |  |
| 5 | Which one of these statements is true?   1. The narrator knew Maurice Egan while they were at Notre Dame University 2. Father Zahm went to university in Ohio 3. **Maurice Egan eventually worked for the President** 4. The narrator liked Dante, history, science and geography | 1. We do not **know** for sure if the narrator knew Maurice Egan when they were at university. |
| 6 | Why did the narrator not go to South America when Father Zahm asked him?   1. He did not want to go there 2. **He wanted to go elsewhere** 3. He was too busy 4. He was not ready to go there yet | “At the time I wished to go to Africa,” |
| 7 | Which one of these statements is true?   1. **The narrator was still the President when Father Zahm came to see him** 2. The narrator had just finished being the President when Father Zahm came to see him 3. Father Zahm came to see him five years after being President 4. The narrator finished being the President in 1913 | “and came in to propose that after I left the presidency” |
| 8 | What does the phrase “occurred to me” mean?   1. Something happened to them 2. Someone thought of them 3. Something happened near them 4. **They realised something** |  |
| 9 | When did the narrator want to go through the middle of the continent?   1. After taking a trip around the sea of South America 2. Before going to the Amazon 3. During his conventional tourist trip 4. **After delivering lectures to the academic clubs** | “ after I had finished my lectures I would come north through the middle of the continent” |
| 10 | Where was the American Museum of Natural History?   1. Andes 2. Paraguay 3. Indiana 4. **New York City** | “American Museum of Natural History, in New York City,” |
| 11 | Why did the narrator want to see people at the museum?   1. For work for the museum 2. For experts and permission 3. **For experts and to offer work for the museum** 4. For resources and permission | “to have me take a couple of naturalists with me into Brazil and make a collecting trip for the museum” |
| 12 | Where did the narrator find Father Zahm in June?   1. Back in Ohio 2. In South America 3. In Paraguay 4. **In New York City** | “At the lunch, in addition to various naturalists, to my astonishment I also found Father Zahm” |
| 13 | How did the narrator feel after meeting Father Zahm again?   1. Emotional 2. **Stunned** 3. Deflated 4. Courageous |  |
| 14 | Why was Mr Chapman pleased about the narrator’s trip to Paraguay?   1. **They did not have many items from that area** 2. It is an area they really like 3. They did not know anything about that area 4. It is a really hard area to get to | “ground over which we were to pass had not been covered by collectors”  Collectors gather and find things, and the area of Paraguay has clearly not been covered much so they do not have many items from there. |
| 15 | Who made the final choice of the naturalists to go with the narrator?   1. The narrator 2. Henry Fairfield Osborn 3. Father Zahm 4. **Mr Chapman** | “Chapman would choose” |