



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

A typical “Teddy” bear toy from 1910. This toy is representative of those named after President Theodore Roosevelt who, while on a bear hunt in Mississippi in 1902, refused to shoot an old, wounded bear. He felt it “unsportsmanlike.” Artifact courtesy of the Colorado Springs Pioneers’ Museum.

SUGGESTED USES

1. This toy is named after a president of the United States. How does this item reflect the popularity of that president? Are there toys, items, collectibles in today’s society that reflect the popularity of the current or recent presidents?
2. President Theodore Roosevelt was a champion of nature, the outdoors and fair play. Do you think that this toy embodies those ideas? If so, how so?
3. This is a soft, cuddly toy. Do you think that it is proper for a president of the United States to have a “soft and cuddly” toy named after him? Why or why not?
4. Utilize this toy in combination with the Tut-Tut car, and the toy bank to discuss change over time. Which of these items has changed the most since 1900? Which has changed the least? Present some clear, reasoned ideas concerning why some items change a great deal and others do not.