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Did You Know? Teddy Bears

Go Directions: Read the story below and answer the questions.

Did you know that teddy bears were named after a famous American? In 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt was on a hunting trip while in Mississippi. After a four-day bear hunt, President Roosevelt was not able to shoot a bear. Some members of his group captured a bear and tied it to a tree. They told President Roosevelt to shoot the bear and take his trophy.

President Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear. He did not think it was fair to shoot a wounded bear that was tied to a tree. The story of Roosevelt's act of kindness spread throughout the world.

A famous cartoonist heard of the story and drew a cartoon showing President Roosevelt with the bear. Morris Michtom, a toymaker, saw the cartoon and decided to make a soft, toy bear. He placed the bear in his store and named it "Teddy's Bear." The toy bear became a quick seller and the teddy bear was born.

There are over 200,000 teddy bears sold every year in the United States. American Teddy Bear Day is celebrated on November 14th.



Cartoon by Clifford Berryman.

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1. Which American President was the teddy bear named after?

2. Some members of his group **captured** a bear and tied it to a tree.

Use context clues from the sentence. What is another word for captured?

A) released

B) harmed

C) caught

D) tamed

3. Why did President Roosevelt refuse to shoot the bear?

4. What was the name of the famous cartoonist that drew the picture of President Roosevelt and the bear? _____

5. On which day is American Teddy Bear Day celebrated?
