A&E Biography: Theodore Roosevelt

U.S. History and Government

Part II: The Bully Pulpit

1. How did Roosevelt become President of the United States?

2. How was Roosevelt’s personality different from that of earlier Presidents of the Gilded Age?

3. Why did Roosevelt believe that the federal government should act to help improve conditions for the working class?

4. How was Roosevelt’s handling of trusts different from earlier Presidents?

5. What was Roosevelt’s philosophy on “trust busting?” (Did he want break up all trusts? Explain.)

6. How did Roosevelt help resolve the 1902 coal workers’ strike?

7. What did Roosevelt mean when he spoke of a “Square Deal?”

8. How did Roosevelt’s persona embody the “strenuous life” he preached about?

9. How did Roosevelt use the mass media to his advantage?