

# Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS

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## The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt Junior Ranger Activity Book



# Becoming a Junior Ranger



Hi kids! I'm Buster, the resident bison here at the park. Come along with me as we explore the FDR Site. Grab your pencils and lets go!



## Become a Junior Ranger!

If you are between the ages of 6 and 15 years old, you can earn a Junior Ranger badge when you learn about Franklin D. Roosevelt. Become a Junior Ranger by completing these three easy steps:

1. Read, understand, and sign the Junior Ranger Pledge.
2. Help keep your neighborhood clean by promising to pick up at least 5 pieces of litter this week.
3. Complete the activity pages in this book which corresponds to your age.
  - If you are 6 years old complete 6 activity pages.
  - If you are 7 years old complete 7 activity pages.
  - If you are 8 years old complete 8 activity pages.
  - If you are 9 years old or older, complete all activity pages.

If you need help please ask a ranger.

After you have finished the activity book, review your activities with a ranger at the Wallace Visitor Center. A park ranger will sign your certificate and award you the official Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt Junior Ranger badge!

# The Arrowhead



The National Park Service logo, the Arrowhead, tells you just about everything you need to know about the ideas we strive to meet each and every day. It is found throughout the National Parks. Match the symbols, then draw your own arrowhead patch!



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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The Sequoia Tree    | ___ Represents recreation |
| 2. The Mountain        | ___ Represents scenery    |
| 3. The Bison           | ___ Represents history    |
| 4. The Arrowhead shape | ___ Represents plants     |
| 5. The Lake            | ___ Represents animals    |

Draw an arrowhead patch to represent you! List at least four things below that say something about you. Then draw them on the arrowhead shape to the right:

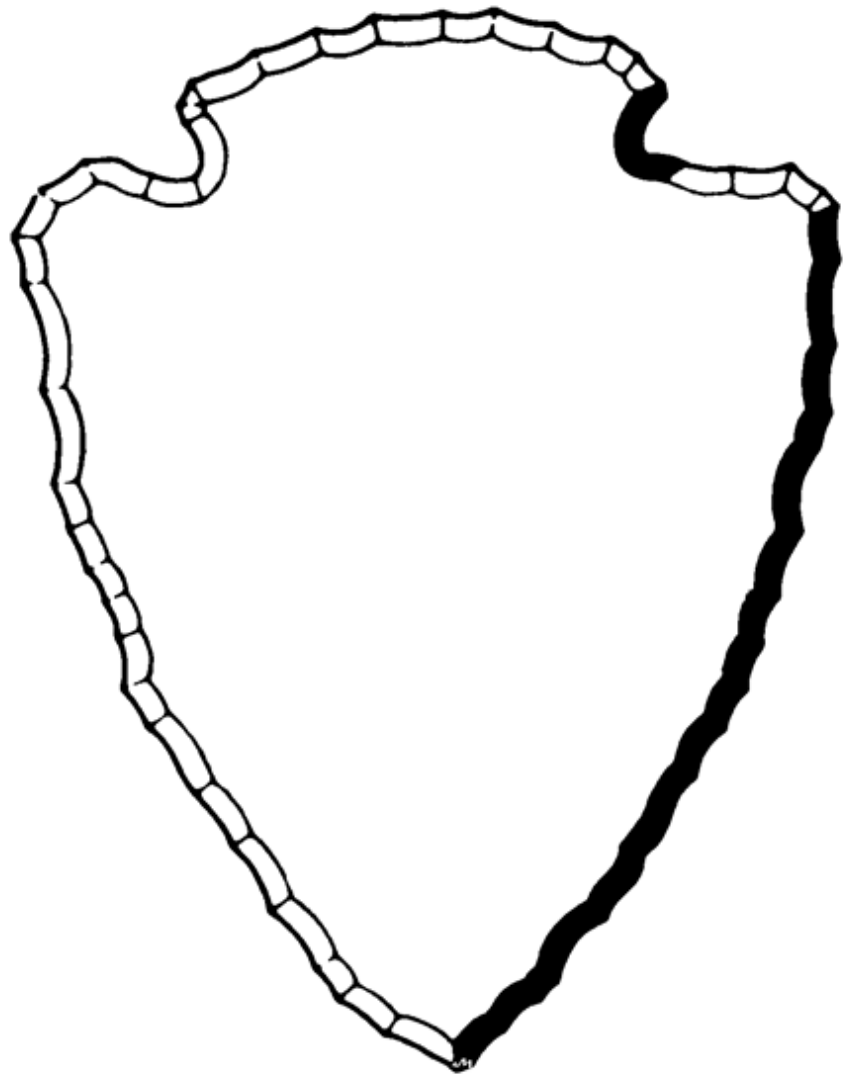
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# Facts about FDR



**Franklin D Roosevelt** was born on January 30, 1882, in the town of **Hyde Park**, NY. Growing up in the **Hudson Valley** gave Franklin a love for the area, farming and for the **rural** people. He often thought of himself as a man of the people. Living in the Hudson Valley also gave him a love for nature that can be seen in his **bird** collection and planting of **trees**.

FDR grew up in a wealthy family. His parents, **James** Roosevelt and **Sara** Ann Delano, adored their son and had a strong influence on his life. FDR took many trips with his parents to Europe. He was home schooled in his house (**Springwood**) until he was 14 years old. He went to a private high school, in Groton, MA. FDR would follow in his father's foot steps and graduate from **Harvard** University . Even though he didn't get straight 'A's in school, and wasn't a great athlete, he grew up to be the **President** of the **United States**. FDR's father died in 1900 when FDR was 17 years old. His mother would continue to live here at Springwood until her death in 1941.

Can you find the **red words** in the puzzle below

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Q	E	X	A	G	U	Y	O	E	G	R	B	E	A	E
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M	Q	Y	L	T	O	J	B	Q	M	A	X	A	A	U
R	N	T	Y	K	X	C	Y	X	K	W	S	Z	Z	V
V	P	R	K	H	V	J	I	U	V	G	H	G	N	B

# Let's make a map



Maps are a good way for people to find their way to places. See if you can draw a map from the Visitor Center to the FDR Home. Make sure to use 'land marks' along the way. Land marks are places or things that people can find along the way to make sure they are on the right path. We have included your starting point- the visitor center, and your destination- FDR's home.



The 'thing' that shows you which way is north, east, south, and west is called a "Compass Rose" and every map should have one.



# Photos of FDR



Below are some pictures of FDR before he was president and a list of his ages. Can you guess the right age for each picture? Oh, and in one of them FDR is on his fathers shoulder.



Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Age: \_\_\_\_\_



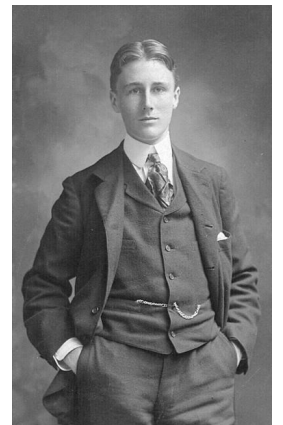
Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos from: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library

About 16 months

11 years old

42 years old

6 years old

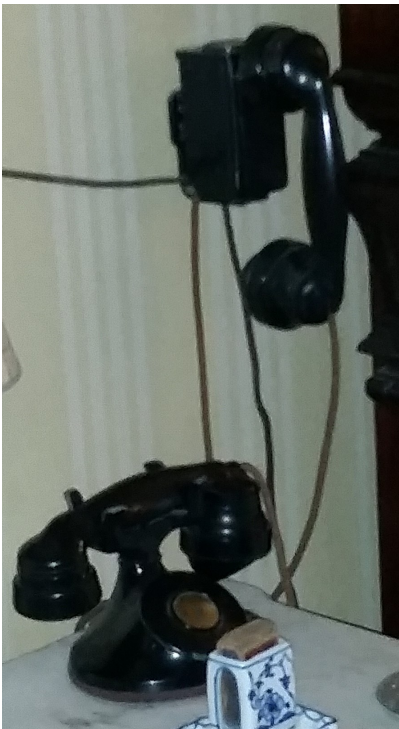
18 years old

51 years old

# The power of observation



Have you hear of the United States Secret Service? The secret service was created in 1865 to help stop people from making counterfeit (fake) money. In 1894 they began informal, part-time protection of President Grover Cleveland. In 1902, after President McKinley was shot, some Secret Service agents had the full-time job of protecting the president. FDR was protected at the White House, at his home in Hyde Park, and wherever he traveled, from 1932 until his death in 1945. An important skill for Secret Service agents is to be able to observe (or see) what's around them. How well can you see what's around you? Each picture below shows a *form of communication* and is from a different room inside the FDR Home. Write down which room you see it in as you take your tour of his home.



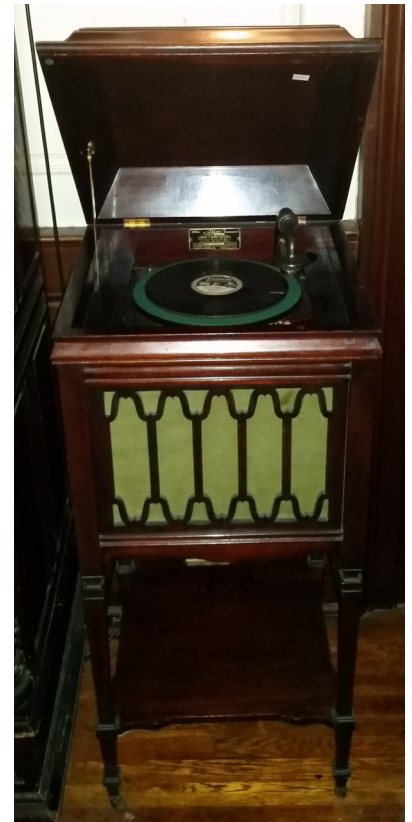
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# Design a new tool



When Franklin Roosevelt was President he hosted many people at his home in Hyde Park. When he talked to these people he did not want them to notice his wheelchair, so he designed one out of a plain wooden kitchen chair. That way it would blend in with the other furniture in the house. The styles in the 1930s were bigger, and were obviously wheelchairs.

Think of all the things you do in a day and how it would feel if tomorrow you would not be able to do it. Now design a tool of some sort that would help you with a daily task or somehow you would change your home if there was something that you could no longer do.



Did you know that Top Cottage, FDR's retreat, was the first home ever designed and built with accessibility in mind? He needed to make sure it could accommodate his wheelchair and give him greater independence.



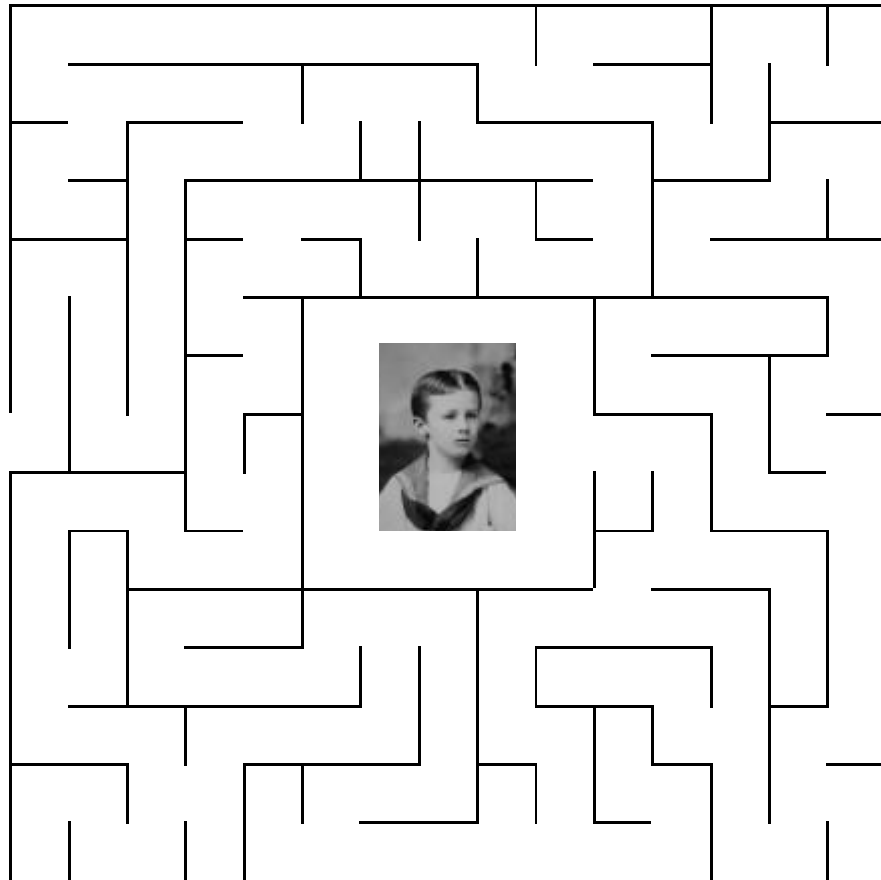
# The Army at Hyde Park



One of the little known fact about FDR and his time in Hyde Park, is there was a special Army unit, the 240th Military Police Battalion, created to make sure the president was safe while on his property because there was way too much land for the Secret Service to patrol. Take a look at the two military policeman and circle the five things that are different. It could be color, shape, or size.



# Dinner time



Did you hear that? Well, if you take a tour of the home you will see a 14th Century Chinese gong (it looks like a bell) by the stairs. When it was dinner time the gong would sound, and that's just what young Franklin hears now. Help him get home in time for dinner!



# Presidential pets



Photo: Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library.

President Roosevelt had a constant fuzzy companion by his side, Fala a Scottish terrier. Fala was a very busy pup, going on inspections of defense plants, meeting the President of Mexico, and the Prime Minister of England, Winston Churchill. Fala was so popular and received so much fan mail that he had to have a secretary assigned to him to help him answer it all! Fala is now buried in the Rose Garden with Franklin and Eleanor.

There have been several presidents from New York State who had pets as President. Millard Fillmore had two ponies called Mason and Dixon. Theodore Roosevelt, along with his six children had more animals than the White House had ever seen. The Roosevelt children's family of pets included a small bear named Jonathan Edwards; a lizard named Bill; guinea pigs named Admiral Dewey, Dr. Johnson, Bishop Doane, Fighting Bob Evans, and Father O'Grady; Maude the pig; Josiah the badger; Eli Yale the blue macaw; Baron Spreckle the hen; a one-legged rooster; a hyena; a barn owl; Peter the rabbit; and Algonquin the pony. Martin Van Buren had a pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman, but congress made him give them to the National Zoo!

If you have a pet, what kind is it, what color or colors is it, and what is its name?

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If you could have any animal as a pet, what kind would you pick?

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If you became president, what kind of animal would you have, and why?

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Draw your favorite kind of animal in the box.

# Journal time

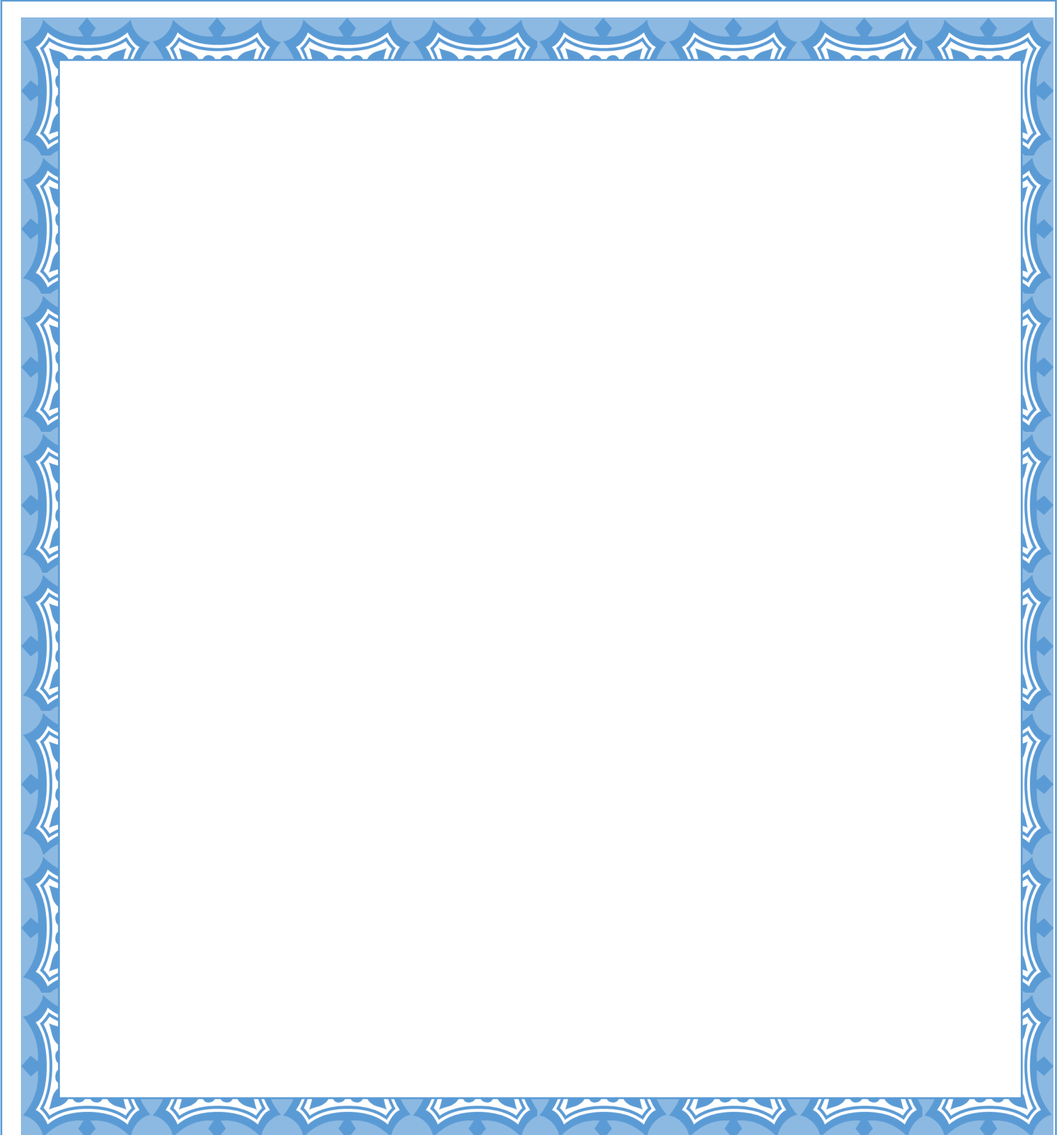


Take a moment, sit down somewhere, and write down your thoughts or feelings about being at the site today.

# Time to draw



Find a nice shady spot, or a table to sit at, and sketch something in the park that you would like to remember or give us your artistic interpretation of the park.



# Getting to know FDR



You has a chance to see some things in this park only the Roosevelt 's family and friends got to see and learn. Now its time to pull it all together! Lets see what what you learned today.

List at least three things you learned about Franklin Roosevelt during your visit:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What was most interesting?

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Franklin Roosevelt contracted polio at the age of 39 and lost his ability to walk. He tried to continue his life in the same way as much as possible. How could you make getting around the inside or outside of the house easier for him?

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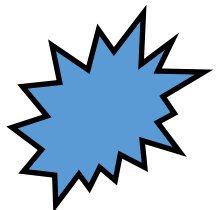
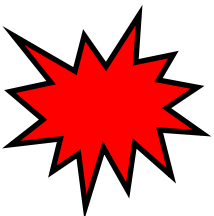
What would you want to tell President Roosevelt about your visit?

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**Congratulations! You've done it!**

**You have completed your book to become an official Junior Ranger. Now go back to the visitor center, find a ranger, get sworn in, and receive your badge.**



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As a Junior Ranger, I promise to protect the history, plants, water, animals, and geological features of our national parks. I continue to explore, protect, and learn about our national parks and historic places. I will share what I have learned with others.

Park Ranger

Date



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