Theodore Roosevelt

<u>Background</u>

- Born rich.
- Sickly child, weak, struggled to survive.
 - Used exercise to build up his strength and immunity.
- The rich are supposed to have it easy, this changes Roosevelt's life.



More Hard Times

• Roosevelt's wife, Alice, and mother, Mattie, die on the same day, in the same house, just two days after his first child is born.

Roosevelt runs away to North Dakota and

becomes a cowboy.

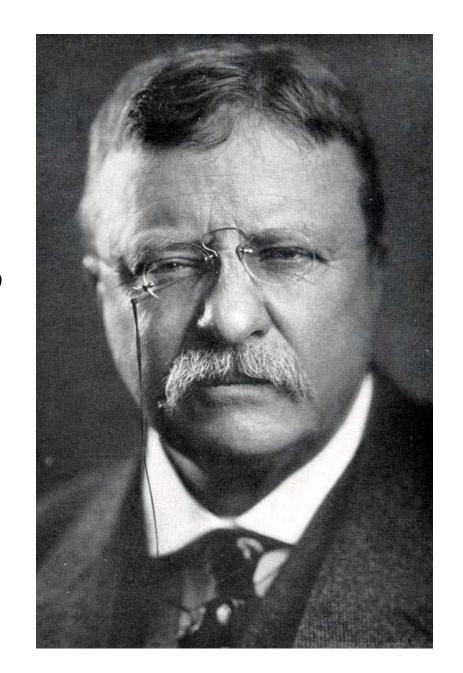






Progressive

- Roosevelt's childhood and his cowboy experiences turn him into a Progressive.
- He knows what it's like to struggle and he discovers that all people deserve a good life.
- Seen by his peers as a troublemaker.



Rise to Power

- NY State Assemblyman, Chief of Police in NYC, Civil Service Commission, Asst. Sec. of Navy.
- · War hero in the Spanish-American War.
 - Rough Riders
- Elected Governor of NY.
- Scared Republicans, tried to hide him as the Vice President.
- 1901, President McKinley is assassinated, Roosevelt becomes the youngest President ever at the age of 42.