

Read this paragraph and the summary below about how the teddy bear got its name.

How "Teddy's Bear" Got Its Name

On November 14, 1902, Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth president of the United States, went on a hunting trip as a relaxing break from his presidential duties. Thinking it would please the president, the other hunters tied a bear to a tree as an easy target, so Roosevelt could go home with a trophy. Instead, he surprised everyone by ordering that the bear be set free.



A newspaper reporter heard the story, and soon a childlike cartoon appeared in papers nationwide, showing the president freeing a helpless cub. Roosevelt's popularity soared as a result. A toymaker named Mitchom designed a little bear and called it "Teddy's Bear." It became very popular, and still is. Today, collecting teddy bears is a hobby shared by many children and adults.

Summary:

The teddy bear was designed and named for Teddy Roosevelt, the twenty-sixth president of the United States. He freed a real bear during a hunting trip in 1902, and this made him very well-liked. A toymaker created a stuffed bear and called it "Teddy's Bear," which is the teddy bear that is still popular today.

Reading Response

1. In your own words, what is the main idea of the paragraph?

2. List three important details from the summary.
