

Franklin D. Roosevelt Study Guide

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What are some significant places in Franklin D. Roosevelt's travels?

- ⇒ Hyde Park, New York-where he was born into a very wealthy family and attended boarding school; he also lived here as an adult when he was elected to the New York Senate and also served as the governor of NY years later
- ⇒ Washington, D.C.- he lived here when he was President for 4 terms (16 total years)
- ⇒ Warm Springs, Georgia- he built a home here and visited here to swim in the warm springs to help gain strength back from having polio



What did Roosevelt do in his lifetime to help others gain freedoms and rights?

- ⇒ He was President for 4 terms (16 total years). During this time, he started a program called the New Deal. The government started programs to give people jobs and hope. The New Deal started programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) where people were employed to work in National Parks, forests, beaches, & campgrounds. The Great Depression caused such a hardship on people, the New Deal was a way to boost the people up and give them courage.
- ⇒ As President, he led our country through World War II. He encouraged Americans to cooperate with each other. He gave radio speeches (called Fireside Chats) to encourage Americans to stay strong. He met with leaders of other countries during his 4th term to plan ways to prevent future wars.
- ⇒ He is remembered today with a memorial in Washington, D.C.

What obstacles did Roosevelt face? How did he overcome them?



- ⇒ Roosevelt got polio, a disease that affected his ability to walk, in 1921. There was no cure. He tried to regain his strength to walk, but never did on his own. He used a wheelchair to get around.
- ⇒ The Great Depression was a time in America where many businesses had to close and people lost their jobs and homes. FDR started programs to help Americans get jobs (such as building parks and roads) and also programs to help people get food, clothes, and housing.
- ⇒ As President, the Great Depression and World War II was happening. He gave radio speeches (called Fireside Chats) to encourage Americans and give them hope and courage to keep fighting.

What are character traits that Roosevelt demonstrated in his life?

-Cooperation-means to work together

- ⇒ Roosevelt showed cooperation by working with others. He worked closely with his wife to help people get jobs and make life better.

-Diligence-means hard working

- ⇒ Roosevelt spent many years trying to regain his strength after losing his ability to walk. He also worked hard on the New Deal so Americans could get back on their feet during the Great Depression.

-Liberty- means freedom

- ⇒ Roosevelt led the U.S. in a war against dictators who took away freedom