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Although polio left him wheelchair bound, Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office during the Great Depression and served as president during World War II. Elected four times, he spent thirteen years in the White House. How he led the country through tremendously difficult problems, much like the ones facing America today, makes for a timely and engrossing biography.

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Drew S. says

You might know Franklin Roosevelt as the president, which he was, but you probably don't know his life story. Franklin was born on January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, New York. Sara and James, Franklin's parents, were rich, so Franklin grew up spoiled. Franklin was tutored as a boy until thirteen years of age, and soon after that, he got sent to the Groton School. There, Franklin was a very smart student and got a college degree and went to Harvard University. That Thanksgiving, Franklin's father died of heart failure. At Harvard he met his soon to be wife, Eleanor Roosevelt. He thought she was more interesting and smart than any other girls of his age. Franklin and Eleanor married in New York City on March 17, 1905. Their first child Anna Eleanor was born in 1906, their second was born a year later, and their third child passed away at eight months due to the flu. They would have three more children, Elliot, Franklin Jr., and John. Then Franklin ran for the New York senate as a democrat. He won and spent three more years as the state senate and was known for being independent. After that, Franklin got a job as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In 1914, World War broke out, and in 1917, the United States joined forces against Germany. The war ended on November 11, 1918, with Germany's defeat. When the war ended Franklin returned to private life. One morning, Franklin could hardly stand, and as the days went by it got worse. He soon found out he had polio, and had to use a metal brace to walk. In 1929 the stock market crashed, and this was the beginning of the Great Depression. Franklin Roosevelt ran for president and crushed his opponent, and became the thirty-second president. He promised the people that they would get jobs fast. As he was president for a total of twelve years, the whole time America was in the Great Depression and World War Two was going on! America viewed him as a great friend and he was very trustful during America's bad years. America got fully into World War Two when Pearl Harbor was attacked. During this period, Franklin was always comforting America and always at its side. Suddenly, at sixty-three years old, Franklin passed away from a burst blood vessel in his brain. America was in shock, but the war was still going on! A little after his death, Germany and its allies got defeated on September 2, 1945. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a great president even through America's bad times.

John T says

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When a president dies it is the most tragic event, and if it is a really good president, it will be the most tragic event for that time. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was one of the best and most helpful presidents in American history. Franklin D. Roosevelt was born on January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, New York. Franklin grew up in a wealthy family that paid for private tutors to further his education and studies that eventually led to English boarding schools and finally to senior class president of Harvard University. Franklin was very smart and successful in his studies that created success in adult life as he became a US Senator for New York. He became more famous and successful as President of the United States, serving four terms. During his four

terms, the most horrible events seemed to happen in America as he helped lead America out of the Great Depression and asked Congress to declare war on Japan after Pearl Harbor as the United States entered World War II. Roosevelt as 37th president was elected to four terms as the public wanted a familiar and steady leader to guide them through bad times.

Being President of the United States is a really tough job and you want to make the right decisions to help guide the country and help all citizens to a better life. That is what President Roosevelt tried to do throughout his time as president. He helped create programs that created jobs after the great depression. He also tried to make good decisions as a leader during WWII and help create a safer world. While doing this his health became an issue as he developed polio though he did not let the disease impact his decisions towards trying to create jobs and make America safer. Franklin tried hard to not let polio impact his life or his decision making as president. All the strain of being president took its toll on Franklin as he died peacefully in April 1945, before he could see to the end of WWII. President Roosevelt had many terrible events occur during his time in office, but with him there Americans felt they had a friend helping them through hard times. That is why he is thought of as one of the great Presidents.

Joey Oborne says

This president is so cool. Did you know he was the only president in the U.S to be elected four times? When he was a boy he loved football and riding horses. He was born in New York and died in Warm Springs Georgia. He had steel braces on his legs because, he had a polio that was a virus that caused people not able to walk. He was also president at a hard time because, he was president during war 2 and when Hitler had become chancellor of Germany, and built up a mighty army.

Jacob Stroebel says

want to read whole series got to start some where

Mayumi Inoko says

- Penguin, Who was ... ?, Level 3.4
- Time = 98 minutes
- 7 word summary : Roosevelt - sailing - stamps - president - polio - pool - war
- 2 discussion question :

1. Have you ever collected some splendid things ?

It is not so remarkable for many people but I have collected some toy animals that are made of the countries to which I have ever been.

Until now, I have the toy animals which are made of America and Australia.

Someday, I hope to get the toys of other countries.

2. Have you ever heard of the main character's name in this book, Franklin Delano Roosevelt?

Yes, I have. At first glance, I felt something that this person did a great job historically.

Then, I read this book and I remembered he did "the New Deal" to give jobs to out-of-work men as public enterprises.

It was fun to read the books that are series of "Who was...?" I want to go on to read this series :)

Emma says

Seems like an all-around great guy.

Kelly says

I like this guy. Even though he was born into wealth, and maybe a bit pampered growing up as his mother's only child, he endured hard things well, like losing a child that was only 8 months old, and not being able to use his legs after contracting polio at 39 years old. His desire to help others and the nation and really let them know what he was thinking and doing to better the country via his fireside chats is quite impressive. I also love that he loved his wife Eleanor, herself a real go-getter (not only having 6 children but being involved in organizations for advancing the rights of women and people of color. I loved the story about her quitting the Daughters of the American Revolution when they refused to let an African American woman sing in a concert hall they owned). FDR was far from perfect. The Japanese internment camps were atrocious.

Carter Helfrich says

Who Was Franklin Roosevelt by Margaret Frith. Franklin Roosevelt was born In Hyde park, New York on January 30, 1882 to Sara and James Roosevelt. Franklin was an only child and was homeschooled until he went to a boarding school in Boston. After graduating from boarding school he went to college at Harvard and was the president of the school newspaper called the crimson.

After meeting and marrying Eleanor he went to law school in Columbia. After all of that he dictated that politics is what he wanted to do so he ran for the new York senate and won. Franklin had a outstanding career in politics and was eventually elected president and served three consecutive terms. Franklin had lost the use of his legs prior to becoming president but that did not stop him from doing great things.

I thought this was a great book because it showed me all the great things he did for this country. It also showed that even though he was handicap he was still capable of doing many great things. I would recommend this book to the older grades like 6-8 because it has some advanced words and the quiz is on the harder side.

Hunter says

Who Was Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Margaret Frith is a great biography. It talks all about his life from how his parents met to how he died. He started out as just a boy who loved sailing, riding horses and football. FDR had a lot of problems throughout his life. The main predicament that most people know he had was polio. He was the only person/only president to get elected four times!

In my opinion, this book was a great, fast read. It is a good book and is from a famous series. The Who Was series is pretty obvious what it's about. This book has both ups and downs throughout. For instance, an up is FDR becoming president while a down is him getting polio.

I recommend this book as a good biography about Franklin Roosevelt. If anyone needs to read and learn about him, this is the perfect book for it. It tells all about his presidency from the New Deal in the first hundred days to the last days of his final fourth term, this book had it all.

Karis Chediak says

Was Franklin Roosevelt a boy who loved sailing, riding horses, and football, a man left crippled by polio, the only president of the United States elected four times, or all three? I think you can guess. Franklin Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park on January 30, 1882. The story of how his parents got married was strange. His dad's name was James and his mom's name was Sara. James met Sara at a party and he fell in love with her. He was fifty-one and Sara was twenty-five. Franklin went to a boarding school and played football. And he married his cousin, Eleanor. He had a wild life. Polio, swimming pools, and a long trip. One day, as he was reading his mail, he had an enormous headache. The doctor said he had a split vessel and that's how he died.

Logan B says

I thought this was an awesome book of FDR's life on the inside and outside of the White House. I chose this book because all I knew about FDR was that he lead us to victory in WWII, so I thought why not learn about one of our greatest ever presidencies. One of my favorite parts about this book was when he had bought a resort because he had Polio, a bad disease affecting his legs and making him never be able to walk again, he had bought the resort because it helped him with his legs and the water was pristine and warm like a hot spring, said FDR, he later turned that resort in a resort for people being affected by polio and giving them a chance to swim in the pristine waters of the resort in southern Georgia. One of my other favorite parts is even though he could not walk he still went around the country meeting and greeting the people of his fine nation. His wife was a big part of helping FDR give his speeches and other addresses, she was a huge impact because she had always pushed her husband's wheelchair around for him making it easier on him. I think Margaret Frith did an excellent job twisting the facts, the fun, and the glory of the Roosevelt Family. Anyone wanting to learn about FDR should most definitely read this book.

Olivia Lullie says

Summary:

This book tells the story of Franklin Roosevelt's life from the time he was young to his fourth term of presidency. Through the text, you discover the man Franklin Roosevelt was, and his hopes and dreams for himself and the United States.

Evaluation:

The author, Margaret Frith, did a very good job of showing the readers who Franklin Roosevelt was. Frith gets her readers involved and interested in the text through the fun illustrations, the excerpts of information from the times, and interesting facts about Roosevelt that many people may not know. The book provides

tons of educational information about Roosevelt's presidency, The Great Depression, The New Deal, and WWII.

Teaching Idea:

This book would be a great tool to use in a history lesson with students. Teachers could use this in a lesson about major presidents, WWII, The Great Depression and The New Deal. Having students read this text before or during a unit on Franklin Roosevelt would be a great way for them to get a better grasp of who he was and what his presidency was based on.

Aj Capuzzo says

I read the book Who Was Franklin Roosevelt, by Margret Frith. This book was a nonfiction biography. This book was about how Franklin Roosevelt's life. It was about how he was president during world war two. I rated it three out of five stars because it was kind of boring but also interesting.

Tracy Kubert says

Great engaging story of FDR and his accomplishments. My daughter was interested enough to finish the book on her own.

Colten W. says

I thought this book was exceptional it taught me all about Franklin Roosevelt. Like he was the president of the United States. As well as why people think he is one of our best presidents. He did a lot of things like lowering taxes. As well as doubled the military spending for better gear. Also he stopped government corruption by others who were in office before him. Also he created more jobs so people could have a good life. He also cut poverty by 30 percent so people would not have to suffer any longer. Since he did all he let people create tons of businesses around the United States. That happened because he lifted a whole bunch of government restrictions against businesses. He also brand peace to the United States. When he was president it was a very prosperous time. This was a great book to read. I recommend it to everyone because Franklin Roosevelt was an amazing president.
