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Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt (1858-1919), was responsible for putting a name to the teddy bear phenomenon after a newspaper cartoon pictured him refusing to shoot an injured bear on a hunting trip. (“Teddy’s bear” became a buzz phrase.) Despite giving his blessing for stuffed-animal makers to describe their bears as “Teddys,” Roosevelt—whose childhood nickname was “Teedie” or “Teddy”—was no fan of the nickname! He liked being called “Colonel Roosevelt” in his later years. While on safari, his African escorts called him “Bwana Tumbo,” or “Mr. Unusually Large Belly.”

HE PRACTICALLY KEPT A ZOO WHILE HE WAS PRESIDENT

Roosevelt’s White House was no place for anyone skittish over animals. In addition to the numerous dogs, rabbits, and horses, the president also kept snakes, flying squirrels, chickens, bears, a lion, a zebra, and what he described as a “friendly and affectionate” rat.

Think, pair share...

Find **3** key points in the text that help you understand what has happened in his life.

