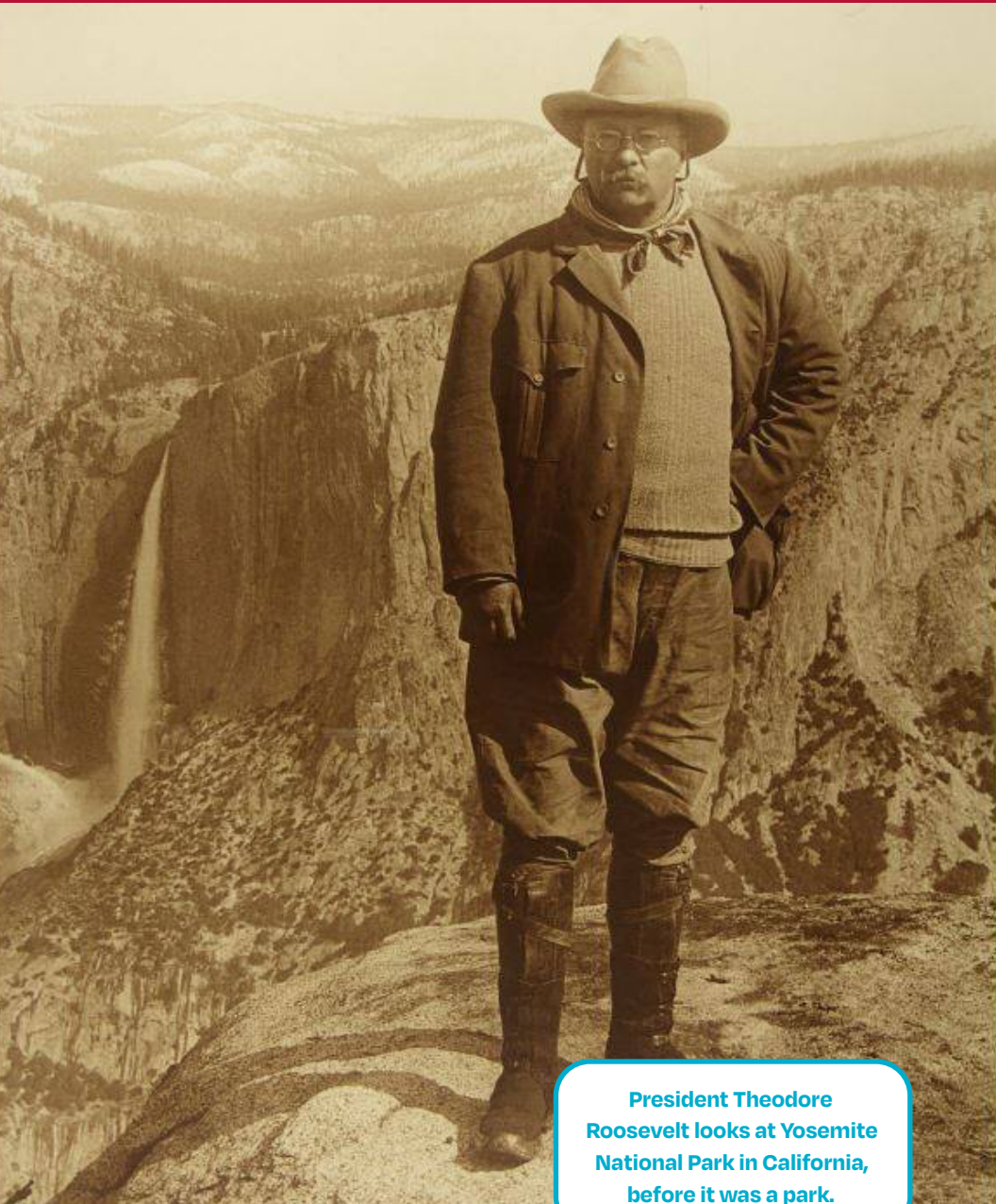


# Americans Who Dream





**President Theodore Roosevelt looks at Yosemite National Park in California, before it was a park.**

## Theodore Roosevelt

President Theodore Roosevelt believed that nature was an important part of the United States. He believed that people should care for wild animals and plants. President Roosevelt's dream was that nature would always be here to enjoy.

As president, Roosevelt worked for laws to keep natural areas from being used for other things. These laws saved millions of acres of land for use as nature parks. President Roosevelt made sure that there would always be natural areas that everyone in the United States could enjoy. Today, more than 100 years later, millions of people visit these parks each year.

### Key Notes:

How did President Roosevelt's dream come true?

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Here, Kristi Yamaguchi reads from her book for young children *Cara's Kindness* about a friendly ice skater.

## Kristi Yamaguchi

As a child, Kristi Yamaguchi dreamed about ice skating in the Olympic Games. She had to work even harder than most people to make that dream come true. That's because one of Yamaguchi's feet has a problem. Her family helped her work to become an Olympic ice skater.

In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi skated in the Olympics. When her turn to skate came, she fell. Instead of stopping, though, Yamaguchi kept skating. She skated so well that she won the Olympic gold medal as the best woman ice skater in the world. Yamaguchi says, "Just do your very best, and always dream."

### Key Notes:

How did Kristi Yamaguchi's dream come true?

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**In 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright flew the first airplane.**

## The Wright Brothers

When Wilbur and Orville Wright were children, they flew kites. At that time, there were no airplanes. However, the Wright brothers dreamed about flying through the air.

After they grew up, the Wright brothers began making an airplane. They faced many problems. At last, they made an airplane that could fly. Their airplane flew for only seconds, but the Wright brothers were still the first people to fly.

The brothers' dream led to the airplanes of today. Once people knew they could fly, they dreamed of flying faster and farther. Now, some airplanes fly faster than sound and into space.

### Key Notes:

How did the Wright brothers' dream come true?

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This is a mural of Doctor Charles Drew who found a new way to keep blood fresh which saved many lives.

## Charles Drew

When Charles Drew was young, he dreamed of becoming a doctor. Not many African Americans were doctors. Charles Drew, who was African American, did not let this stop him. After high school, he studied at one of the few schools that took African American Students. He worked hard to find his dream. He finally became a doctor.

As a doctor, Charles Drew worked hard to find the answer to an important problem. He found a way to keep blood fresh. When blood can be kept fresh, it can be used to make people well. Because of Charles Drew's dream, millions of lives are saved every year.

### Key Notes:

How did Charles Drew's dream come true?

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