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Third Grade Historical Figures

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945)
32nd president of the United States (1932-1945)

Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park, NY in 1882. Born the fifth cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th president, Franklin was destined for politics. He attended Harvard University and Columbia Law School. In 1905, Franklin married Eleanor Roosevelt. He was elected to the New York Senate five years later. President Woodrow Wilson appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1913. Serving in this position until 1920, Roosevelt helped to implement Navy policies during World War I.

In 1921, however, tragedy struck. Roosevelt contracted polio, a once common disease that left him unable to walk. Roosevelt did not let his condition destroy his political career. In 1928, he was elected governor of New York. Four years later, in 1932, he was elected as America's 32nd president. 1932 was a turbulent time in American history. The country was mired in the misery of its worst depression in history. Millions of people were unemployed and few banks remained in business. Roosevelt immediately started a sweeping plan known as the "New Deal" to bring recovery to agriculture and business, relief to the unemployed and to those in danger of losing businesses, farms, or homes. He also developed the Tennessee Valley Authority - which provided electricity and flood relief to poor southern farmers. Roosevelt also initiated Social Security reforms, raised taxes on the wealthy, implemented new controls over banks and public utilities, and started an enormous work relief program for the unemployed.

Although Roosevelt's "New Deal" did not end the Great Depression, many historians believe it prevented the U.S. economy from decaying further, and it gave government more regulatory power. Roosevelt also presided over much of America's role in World War II, and devoted much time formulating a plan for the United Nations. Roosevelt was elected to a record four terms in the presidency. In 1945, however, Roosevelt died in office after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Today, he is honored on the front of the U.S. dime, and, on many U.S. postage stamps.

PART 1-Roosevelt timeline: Write the **letter** of the event where it goes on the timeline below:

A. FDR was born in Hyde Park, New York.	**B. FDR died after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.**	**C. FDR was elected the governor of New York.**
D. FDR contracted polio which left him unable to walk.	**E. FDR was elected the 32nd president of the United States.**	**F. FDR was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy.**

1882	1913	1920	1928	1932	1945

PART 2-Comprehension:

1. After he was elected president in 1932, Roosevelt started a plan to bring recovery to agriculture and business, relief to the unemployed and to those in danger of losing businesses, farms, or homes. What was the name of that plan? _____
2. Roosevelt also started the Tennessee Valley Authority. How did that help poor southern farmers? _____
3. During which war did Roosevelt serve as president? _____
4. How many times was Franklin D. Roosevelt elected as president of our nation? _____
5. How is Roosevelt honored today? _____