

Statement by President Theodore Roosevelt, the youngest U.S. President, in his "Man in the Arena Speech" given to the Sorbonne University in Paris, France, 1910.



Theodore Roosevelt as a Young Man,
Living the life of "The Man in the Arena"

President Roosevelt said,

With you [in the Republic of France], and with us in my own home, in the long run, success or failure will be conditioned upon the way in which the average man, the average women, does his or her duty, first in the ordinary, every-day affairs of life, and next in those great occasional crises which call for heroic virtues. The average citizen must be a good citizen if our republics are to succeed. . . .

There is more to come from Theodore Roosevelt's speech