Master biographer David A. Adler crafts a handsome portrait of perhaps our most colorful and energetic president.

Theodore Roosevelt seemed an unlikely head of state to many. Some called him the cowboy president because of his experiences as a Dakota Territory rancher, adventurer, and head of the Rough Rider Regiment in the Spanish-American War. Yet as president, he increased the country’s stature in the international sphere, built the Panama Canal, won the Nobel Peace Prize, broke up powerful monopolies and was one of the most significant conservation activists of his time.

This meticulously researched portrayal of the 26th president of the United States includes more than fifty photographs and pictures, copies of historical documents, and a timeline.

Delve further into the book with the following classroom activities featuring Common Core State Standards:

- Give examples of primary sources used in the book (political cartoon, photograph, letter, poster, etc.). RH.6-8.1, 2, 7

- Choose and site a primary source from the book. Discuss the subject and message of the material and how it enhances the meaning of the content. RH.6-8.1, 2, 7, 9 / SL.6-8.1, 2, 3

- Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source from the book. RH.6-8.7, 9 / WHST.6-8.9

- How does David Adler structure *Colonel Theodore Roosevelt*? Is the information presented sequentially, comparatively, or casually? Give examples from the chapter headings. RH.6-8.1, 5