

**TRY THIS AT HOME!**

Imagine if your mom or dad was the president of the United States. What would that be like? **FILL IN THE BLANKS TO MAKE UP A FUN FIRST KID STORY!**

# FIRST KIDS OF THE WHITE HOUSE



**DID YOU KNOW?**

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S BROOD OF SIX KIDS WERE A ROWDY BUNCH WHO KNEW HOW TO HAVE FUN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY WERE KNOWN FOR HAVING MAJOR PILLOW FIGHTS, TICKLING MATCHES, AND RACES ALL AROUND THE HOUSE. SOMETIMES THEIR FATHER, THE PRESIDENT, JOINED IN! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,  
(name of best friend)

I still can't believe \_\_\_\_\_ is the new president of the United States! Can you? This is going to be very \_\_\_\_\_  
(mom or dad)  
(adjective)

Yesterday we moved into the White House. Boy, it sure is different from my home back in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of your town)

First of all, I think I've counted \_\_\_\_\_ rooms and \_\_\_\_\_ bathrooms! There's also a \_\_\_\_\_ room and a \_\_\_\_\_ room.  
(number) (number)  
(a favorite activity)  
(another favorite activity)

It looks like we're going to be having a lot of parties around here. I think we should have a sleepover in the \_\_\_\_\_ room. We can eat all the \_\_\_\_\_ we want  
(color)  
(food)

and then watch \_\_\_\_\_ in the private White House movie theater.  
(movie)

Write back soon, and tell me what's happening back in

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of your town)

Your friend,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

**THE WHITE HOUSE HAS:**

- 6 levels
- 135 rooms
- 35 bathrooms
- its own flower shop
- a library
- a basketball court and a tennis court
- a swimming pool
- a jogging track
- a bowling alley
- a rose garden, a vegetable garden, and a flower and herb garden
- a beehive with about 70,000 bees
- a dining room with space for 140 guests
- a concert hall called the East Room;
- a private movie theater

# FIRST PETS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Since the very beginning, there have been pets living at the White House—all kinds of pets!



The Obama family dog, Bo, is a fluffy Portuguese water dog.



Theodore Roosevelt's son, Quentin, had a pet macaw named Eli Yale. The Roosevelts also had cats, dogs, snakes, raccoons, and a pony. They practically had a zoo living on the grounds of the White House!



Jimmy Carter's daughter, Amy, had a Siamese cat that she called Misty Malarky Ying Yang. She also was given an elephant that now lives at the National Zoo in Washington, DC.

## CHECK ALL OF THE ANIMALS BELOW THAT YOU THINK HAVE LIVED AT THE WHITE HOUSE OVER THE YEARS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cat      | <input type="checkbox"/> wallaby     | <input type="checkbox"/> bald eagle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dog      | <input type="checkbox"/> pygmy hippo | <input type="checkbox"/> coyote     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bird     | <input type="checkbox"/> bear        | <input type="checkbox"/> parrot     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hamster  | <input type="checkbox"/> ram         | <input type="checkbox"/> zebra      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rat      | <input type="checkbox"/> goose       | <input type="checkbox"/> barn owl   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> snake    | <input type="checkbox"/> macaw       | <input type="checkbox"/> lizard     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cow      | <input type="checkbox"/> badger      | <input type="checkbox"/> rooster    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> horse    | <input type="checkbox"/> guinea pig  | <input type="checkbox"/> raccoon    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pony     | <input type="checkbox"/> elephant    | <input type="checkbox"/> billy goat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> donkey   | <input type="checkbox"/> hyena       | <input type="checkbox"/> pig        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bobcat   |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> turkey     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lion cub |                                      |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> antelope |                                      |                                     |

Did you check them all? You should have, because they all were pets in the White House.



Calvin Coolidge's wife, Grace, regularly walked her pet raccoon on a leash!

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
FIND OUT WHICH PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES HAD WHICH PETS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PET MUSEUM!

