

Franklin did reasonably well at Harvard, studying history and politics, and even writing for the school newspaper. But he was more interested in sports than his studies, and his grades were not as strong as they could have been.



In Their Own Words

"I am getting on very well and so far I have not had any warnings, latenesses, or marks."

 From a letter Franklin wrote to his parents during his first month at Groton



While at Harvard, Franklin became engaged to Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, his fifth cousin. Eleanor was the niece of Theodore Roosevelt, the current president of the United States. Franklin admired Theodore very much and

Theodore Roosevelt sometimes went to the White House for visits. Theodore stood in for Eleanor's father when she and Franklin were married on March 17, 1905.



Franklin and Eleanor when they were a young couple