



In the first decade of the 1900's President Theodore Roosevelt decided that he was going to put a stop to many of the illegal and dishonest practices that Monopoly owners were using to eliminate competition within their industries. President Roosevelt felt that if a trust controlled an entire industry but provided good service at reasonable rates, it was a "good" trust to be left alone. Only the "bad" trusts that jacked up rates, treated workers poorly, and used dishonest methods to eliminate the competition would come under attack. Who would decide the difference between right and wrong? Roosevelt only trusted himself to make the decision.

1. What action is happening in the cartoon?
2. What was Roosevelt's definition of a "Good Trust"?
3. What was Roosevelt's definition of a "Bad Trust"?
4. Who decided which trusts were to be taken to court?
5. Why do you think Roosevelt was criticized for his approach to the Monopoly and Trust problem?