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Polio was one of the most feared childhood diseases in the 20th century. One year (1916) in the U.S., polio killed 6,000 and left 27,000 more paralyzed. One of the most famous people to become sick with polio was Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd president of the U.S. At his Memorial site in Washington, D.C., he is seated in a wheelchair much like the one he actually had to use. Polio is caused by a virus that lives in the throat and intestines. Since polio vaccine became available in 1955, the disease has disappeared from the U.S. and may soon be gone from the rest of the world, too.