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John F. Kennedy

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John F. Kennedy was the thirty-fifth American president. He has been called one of America's most loved presidents, and he was also the country's youngest at the time to be elected. He was forty-three years old when he was elected.



President Kennedy was born in Massachusetts. His father attended private school at Harvard in 1940.

This was during the time he was doing at the time. He

Kennedy was serving in the Navy. In 1943 his ship was sunk.

When Kennedy returned home, he ran for Congress. His goal was to join the

During this time, Mr. Kennedy met a woman named Jacqueline. They were married in 1953, and they had two children.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy ran for and won the Presidency of the United States. He began his term in 1961.

The country loved President Kennedy for his youth and excitement. He had big

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graduated from

many people were in the Navy.

He was on a torpedo ship. In 1943, he was awarded the Medal of Merit for his actions.

After the war, he had a commission to go into politics. He served in the House of Representatives from 1948 and 1950. His next election was in 1952.

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goals for America, including ending the tensions left over from the Korean conflict and the Cold War. He also felt compassion for the Civil Rights movement, which was becoming a huge issue within the country.

The president's biggest challenges included tensions with the Soviet Union and Cuba. A failed mission to overthrow the communist government in Cuba was a major disappointment for him.

However, he was able to calm the waters with the Soviet Union. Another of his great victories was the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which gave African Americans the same legal rights as whites. He also signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which gave African Americans the right to vote.

He called civil rights a moral issue. He called discrimination a sin. He called access to public areas a right.

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However, President Kennedy was not fully fulfilled. On November 22, 1963, he was shot in Dallas, Texas. He was the first President to be assassinated. They were shot by a sniper. The shots were fatal, and he died that afternoon.

President Kennedy was a hero in his life. For his heroic actions, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for courage. He was a man of great courage and conviction.

He wrote a book titled Profiles In Courage, which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1957. He spoke one of the most-remembered quotes in history during his inaugural speech in 1961. He said, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country".

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- 1) Which answer best encapsulates the main idea of the passage?
- a. The sad truth that Kennedy didn't live long enough to see many of his goals fulfilled.
 - b. How being born in a wealthy family made it easy for him to become president.
 - c. How President Kennedy, taking advantage of his youth and excitement, set great goals for America and accomplished these with tremendous determination.
 - d. How Kennedy was able to calm the waters with the Soviet Union.

2) What do you think of President?

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3) Cite instances from the passage with reference to Kennedy:-

a. Supporting a ...

b. Acclaimed writing:

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c. Distinguished education:

4) What does the word "discrimination" mean? Use it in a sentence of your own.

5) Write a brief explanation of what your country can do for the world.

dy "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

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