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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 World War II,
doing at the time. He was

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

When Kennedy returned home,
He ran for Congress in 1946.
goal was to join the Navy.

During this time, Mr. Kennedy met a woman named Jaqueline. 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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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 rights as white Americans. He called civil rights a moral issue that should end discrimination. This led to the desegregation of schools and public areas.

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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 Kennedy as President?

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3) Cite instances from the passage that show Kennedy's leadership skills. Cite with reference to Kennedy:-

a. Supporting a leader

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.

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