**Lesson Plan - ARP\_MakingPlans\_G3-5 - 10/23/2024**

**Summary:**

<p>In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes the key plans and challenges faced by President John F. Kennedy during his time in office, highlighting his initiatives in domestic policy, civil rights, and foreign relations. Through the use of factual language and historical context, the author emphasizes significant events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis and the efforts to advance the US space program.</p>

**Tags:**

John F. Kennedy; Cold War; Cuban Missile Crisis; civil rights; US space program

**Glossed Text:**

<p>Making Plans (excerpt from John F. Kennedy)</p>

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<p>John F. Kennedy became President of the United States on January 20, 1961. He had many plans when he took office. These included programs for higher wages and aid for people experiencing \*poverty\*. He also hoped to improve \*civil rights\*.</p>

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<p>During this time, America was part of the \*Cold War\* with the \*Soviet Union\*. Another plan was to put a person on the moon before the Communist \*Soviet Union\* did. As a result, Kennedy greatly improved the US space program.</p>

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<p>\*Relationships\* with other countries were another concern for Kennedy. American officials wanted to stop the spread of \*Communism\*. So, they trained a group of Cubans to \*overthrow\* Cuba&rsquo;s \*Communist\* leader. In 1961, the group invaded Cuba at the \*Bay of Pigs\*. However, the effort failed.</p>

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<p>Then, in 1962, \*Communist\* China invaded India. Kennedy sent \*weapons\* to India&rsquo;s army. Meanwhile, South Vietnam was fighting \*Communist\* North Vietnam. Kennedy sent thousands of US military \*advisers\* to help the South Vietnamese.</p>

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<p>In October 1962, Kennedy learned \*nuclear\* missile bases were being built in Cuba. He wanted to stop \*Soviet\* ships from bringing supplies there. So, Kennedy stated that the US Navy would block Cuba&rsquo;s coast.</p>

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<p>The \*Soviet\* leader said his country would guard its \*shipping\* rights. A \*nuclear\* war could begin. But Kennedy held his ground. The \*Soviet\* ships stayed away from the blocked area. Kennedy won the \*showdown\*! This event became known as the \*Cuban Missile Crisis\*.</p>

**Vocabulary Words:**

<p>poverty (noun): the state of being extremely poor.</p>

<p>civil rights (noun): the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.</p>

<p>Cold War (proper noun): the period of geopolitical tension between the Soviet Union and the United States after World War II.</p>

<p>Soviet Union (proper noun): a former federal socialist state in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia, existing from 1922 to 1991.</p>

<p>relationships (noun): the way in which two or more people or groups regard and behave toward each other.</p>

<p>Communism (proper noun): a political ideology advocating for a classless society and the collective ownership of property.</p>

<p>overthrow (verb): to remove forcibly from power.</p>

<p>Communist (proper adjective): relating to or characterized by the principles of communism.</p>

<p>Bay of Pigs (proper noun): a failed invasion of Cuba by U.S.-backed paramilitary group in 1961.</p>

<p>weapons (noun): instruments used for fighting or attacking.</p>

<p>Communist China (proper noun): the People's Republic of China, under the governance of the Communist Party.</p>

<p>India (proper noun): a country in South Asia.</p>

<p>South Vietnam (proper noun): a historical nation that existed from 1955 until 1975, when Vietnam was reunified.</p>

<p>Communist (proper adjective): relating to or characterized by the principles of communism (not previously defined).</p>

<p>North Vietnam (proper noun): the northern part of Vietnam during the Vietnamese War, which was a communist state.</p>

<p>advisers (noun): people who provide expert advice.</p>

<p>nuclear (adjective): relating to the nucleus of an atom or energy released during nuclear reactions.</p>

<p>Soviet (proper adjective): relating to the Soviet Union.</p>

<p>shipping (noun): the transportation of goods by sea.</p>

<p>nuclear (adjective): relating to the nucleus of an atom or energy released during nuclear reactions (not previously defined).</p>

<p>showdown (noun): a decisive confrontation or contest.</p>

<p>Cuban Missile Crisis (proper noun): a 13-day confrontation in October 1962 between the United States and the Soviet Union over the presence of missile sites in Cuba.</p>

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

<p>1. How did Kennedy's administration aim to combat the spread of Communism in Cuba?</p>

<p>A. By improving civil rights within the US</p>

<p>B. By training Cubans to overthrow the Communist government</p>

<p>C. By promoting higher wages for American workers</p>

<p>D. By increasing funding for the US space program</p>

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