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

**Summary:**

<p>In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes John F. Kennedy's presidency and his various plans, including initiatives for civil rights and efforts in the Cold War, using straightforward and factual language. The text details significant events such as the Bay of Pigs invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis, illustrating Kennedy's foreign policy challenges and successes.</p>

**Tags:**

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

**Glossed Text:**

<p>Making Plans (excerpt from John F. Kennedy) <br>By Megan M. Gunderson, Abdo Publishing <br>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\*. 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\*. 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. 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. 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. 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:**

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

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

<li>Cold War (proper noun): a period of political tension and military rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union after World War II.</li>

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

<li>Communist (proper adjective): relating to a political ideology advocating for a classless system, commonly associated with the Soviet Union.</li>

<li>space program (noun): a government-funded project aimed at developing technology and capabilities for space exploration.</li>

<li>Communism (proper noun): a political and economic ideology advocating for communal ownership of resources and means of production.</li>

<li>Bay of Pigs (proper noun): a failed invasion of Cuba by a CIA-sponsored paramilitary group in 1961.</li>

<li>Communist (proper adjective): relating to a political ideology advocating for a classless system, commonly associated with the Soviet Union.</li>

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

<li>weapons (noun): instruments used for attacking or defending.</li>

<li>Communist (proper adjective): relating to a political ideology advocating for a classless system, commonly associated with the Soviet Union.</li>

<li>North Vietnam (proper noun): the region of Vietnam that was governed by a communist regime during the Vietnam War.</li>

<li>advisers (noun): individuals who provide advice or guidance.</li>

<li>nuclear missile (noun): a type of missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead.</li>

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

<li>nuclear (adjective): relating to the nucleus of an atom, or involving nuclear energy or weapons.</li>

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

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

<li>Cuban Missile Crisis (proper noun): a 13-day confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union in October 1962 over military installations in Cuba.</li>

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**Multiple Choice Questions:**

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<li>1. How did John F. Kennedy's presidency directly reflect the tensions of the Cold War?

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<li>A. He focused solely on domestic policies such as civil rights.</li>

<li>B. He aimed to strengthen relationships with Communist nations.</li>

<li>C. He prioritized military involvement in conflicts associated with Communism.</li>