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

**Summary:**

In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes the significant plans and challenges faced by President John F. Kennedy during his administration, utilizing clear and accessible language. The text outlines Kennedy's domestic programs aimed atimprovingcivil rights and wages, alongside his foreign policy endeavors during the Cold War, including the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**Tags:**

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

**Glossed Text:**

Making Plans (excerpt from John F. Kennedy)By Megan M. Gunderson, Abdo**Publishing**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\*.

**Vocabulary Words:**

poverty (noun): the state of being extremely poor.civil rights (noun): the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality.cold war (proper noun): a period of geopolitical tension between the Soviet Union and the United States.soviet union (proper noun): a former federal socialist republic in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia.communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology based on the principles of communism.space program (noun): a program focused on activities involving the exploration of outer space.communism (proper noun): a political and economic ideology advocating for a classless system in which the means of production are communally owned.cubans (proper noun): the people of Cuba.overthrow (verb): to remove forcibly from power.bay of pigs (proper noun): a location in Cuba where an invasion took place in 1961.communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology based on the principles of communism.india (proper noun): a country in South Asia.south vietnam (proper noun): a region in Southeast Asia that constituted part of Vietnam from 1955 until 1975.communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology based on the principles of communism.nuclear (adjective): relating to the nucleus of an atom or, in a different context, to weapons that derive their destructive force from nuclear reactions.missile (noun): a weapon that is self-propelled and guided toward a target.showdown (noun): a decisive confrontation or contest.cuban missile crisis (proper noun): a 13-day confrontation in 1962 between the United States and the Soviet Union concerning nuclear missiles deployed in Cuba.

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. What significant event did John F. Kennedy face in October 1962 that had the potential to escalate into a nuclear war?A. The Bay of Pigs invasionB. The invasion of India by Communist ChinaC. Theconstructionof nuclear missile bases in CubaD. The first manned moon landing[CCSS.RI.4.1; TEKS.ELAR.4.7(C)]2. How did Kennedy's administration respond to the spread of Communism in Cuba?A. By establishing diplomatic relations with the Soviet UnionB. By training Cubans to overthrow Castro's governmentC. By ignoring the situation in CubaD. By withdrawing all military support[CCSS.RI.5.1; TEKS.ELAR.5.7(C)]3. In what way did the Cold War influence America's space program during Kennedy's presidency?A. It caused a reduction in funding for scientific researchB. It inspired Kennedy to prioritize the moon landing over other goalsC. It led to collaborations with the Soviet Union in space explorationD. It stopped American astronauts from going to space[CCSS.RI.3.1; TEKS.ELAR.3.7(C)]4. What was the outcome of the Bay of Pigs invasion under Kennedy's direction?A. It successfully overthrew Castro in CubaB. It strengthened US-Cuban relationsC. It was a failed attempt to remove Cuba's Communist leaderD. It led to a peace treaty with the Soviet Union[CCSS.RI.4.1; TEKS.ELAR.4.7(C)]5. What strategy did Kennedy employ to prevent Soviet ships from delivering supplies to Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis?A. Negotiating a peace agreementB. Sending American diplomats to CubaC. Blockading Cuba&rsquo;s coast with the US NavyD. Launching a military invasion of Cuba[CCSS.RI.5.1; TEKS.ELAR.5.7(C)]