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

**Summary:**

<strong>In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes the various plans and significant events of President John F. Kennedy's administration, utilizing straightforward and fa</strong>ctual language. The text outlines Kennedy's domestic initiatives, foreign policy challenges, and key moments such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, providing a comprehensive overview of his presidency.

**Tags:**

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

**Glossed Text:**

Making Plans (excerpt from John F. Kennedy)

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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.

<span style="text-decoration: underline;">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.</span>

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:**

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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 geopolitical tension between the Soviet Union and the United States and their respective allies.</li>

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

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

<li>Communism (proper noun): a political and economic ideology advocating for a classless system and the abolition of private property.</li>

<li>Bay of Pigs (proper noun): a failed military invasion of Cuba by a CIA-sponsored paramilitary group composed of Cuban exiles.</li>

<li>Communist China (proper adjective): a term used to describe the People's Republic of China under the governance of the Communist Party.</li>

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

<li>South Vietnam (proper noun): a country that existed from 1955 to 1975, when it was unified with North Vietnam.</li>

<li>North Vietnam (proper noun): the former state in the northern part of Vietnam, governed by the communist party.</li>

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

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

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

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

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**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. What was one of John F. Kennedy's key plans upon taking office in 1961?

A. To negotiate peace with the Soviet Union

B. To implement programs for higher wages and aid for those in poverty

C. To create an alliance with Communist countries

D. To withdraw US military from Vietnam

[CCSS.RI.5.1; TEKS.ELAR.5.7(C); BEST.ELA.K12.EE.3.1]

<span style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);">2. How did the Cold War influence Kennedy&rsquo;s approach to international relations?</span>

<span style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);">A. It led to a reduction in military spending.</span>

<span style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);">B. It compelled him to take action against the spread of Communism.</span>

<span style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);">C. It prompted a focus solely on domestic issues.</span>

<span style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);">D. It eliminated the need for foreign alliances.</span>

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3. What did Kennedy's reaction to the Cuban Missile Crisis illustrate about US foreign policy during the Cold War?

A. A desire for peaceful resolutions through negotiation

B. A willingness to engage in military confrontation to protect national interests

C. An intention to completely disengage from international conflicts

D. An acceptance of Communist expansion in the Western Hemisphere

[CCSS.RI.3.1; TEKS.ELAR.3.7(C); BEST.ELA.K12.EE.3.1]

4. During the events of the Cold War, what significant action did Kennedy take in response to the invasion of Cuba?

A. He sent diplomatic envoys to negotiate peace.

B. He trained Cubans to overthrow the Communist government.

C. He ignored the situation and focused on domestic policies.

D. He established a trade embargo with Cuba.

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5. What was the outcome of the US response to the Cuban Missile Crisis?

A. The US military was forced to retreat from Cuba.

B. The Soviet Union was able to successfully install missiles in Cuba.

C. The US successfully averted a nuclear war and maintained its naval blockade.

D. The relationship between the US and the Soviet Union improved significantly.

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