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

**Summary:**

In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes the key plans and challenges faced by President John F. Kennedy during his administration through a detailed presentation of historical events and strategies. The text highlights Kennedy's initiatives regarding civil rights, the space race, and foreign relations amidst the Cold War context.

**Tags:**

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

**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\*.

\*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'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'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'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:**

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. What was one of John F. Kennedy's major plans when he took office as President?

A. To dissolve the space program

B. To improve civil rights

C. To promote isolationism

D. To end the Cold War

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2. Which event depicted the efforts of the United States to intervene in Cuba during the Cold War?

A. The Cuban Missile Crisis

B. The Bay of Pigs invasion

C. The Space Race

D. The Vietnam War

[CCSS.RI.4.1; TEKS.ELAR.4.7(C)]

3. How did the Cold War affect U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam?

A. The U.S. decreased its military presence

B. The U.S. sent thousands of military advisers

C. The U.S. remained neutral

D. The U.S. declared war on China

[CCSS.RI.5.1; TEKS.ELAR.5.7(C)]

4. What was one result of Kennedy's response to the Soviet Union's actions in Cuba?

A. The Soviet Union retreated from Cuba

B. A nuclear war broke out

C. The Bay of Pigs invasion was successful

D. The U.S. signed a peace treaty with Cuba

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5. What was the significance of the Cuban Missile Crisis during the Cold War?

A. It marked the end of the Cold War

B. It was a critical point in U.S.-Soviet relations

C. It led to an increase in space exploration funding

D. It resulted in the establishment of diplomatic relations with China

[CCSS.RI.4.1; TEKS.ELAR.4.7(C)]