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

**Summary:**

In this informational e-book, Megan M. Gunderson describes the key initiatives and challenges faced by President John F. Kennedy during his time in office, utilizing clear and factual language choices. The text outlines his domestic policies, international relations, and significant events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, providing readers with a concise 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.

\*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:**

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 state of political hostility between countries characterized by threats, propaganda, and other measures short of open warfare.

Soviet Union (proper noun): a former federal socialist state in Eurasia that existed from 1922 to 1991.

Communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology advocating for a classless system in which the means of production are owned communally.

relationships (noun): the way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected.

Communism (proper noun): a political and economic ideology advocating for a classless society and communal ownership of the means of production.

overthrow (verb): to remove forcibly from power.

Cuba (proper noun): an island nation in the Caribbean.

Communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology advocating for a classless system in which the means of production are owned communally.

China (proper noun): a large country in East Asia.

India (proper noun): a country in South Asia.

South Vietnam (proper noun): a nation that existed from 1955 to 1975, recognized during the Vietnam War.

Communist (proper adjective): relating to or denoting a political ideology advocating for a classless system in which the means of production are owned communally.

North Vietnam (proper noun): a communist state in the northern part of Vietnam that existed from 1954 to 1976.

advisers (noun): a person who offers suggestions about the best course of action to someone.

nuclear (adjective): relating to the nucleus of an atom; involving atomic energy or weapons.

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.

showdown (noun): a decisive confrontation or contest.

**Multiple Choice Questions:**

1. What was one of President John F. Kennedy's significant plans during his presidency that related to the Cold War?

A. To improve civil rights through legislation

B. To establish peace with the Soviet Union

C. To land a person on the moon before the Soviet Union

D. To reduce military spending

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2. Which event highlighted the tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union during Kennedy's presidency?

A. The Bay of Pigs invasion

B. The space race

C. The Cuban Missile Crisis

D. The Civil Rights Movement

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3. How did Kennedy respond to the invasion of Cuba by the trained Cuban group?

A. He supported the invasion with military force

B. He decided to negotiate with the Soviet Union

C. He took no action and allowed it to proceed

D. He authorized military intervention but later withdrew support

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4. What was the primary goal of sending military advisers to South Vietnam during the Cold War?

A. To train them for an invasion of China

B. To support the fight against Communist North Vietnam

C. To establish peace talks with Communist leaders

D. To decrease U.S. involvement in foreign conflicts

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5. What was the result of Kennedy's decision to block Soviet ships during the Cuban Missile Crisis?

A. A nuclear war was successfully avoided

B. The Soviet Union launched an attack on the U.S.

C. The United States backed down and allowed the supplies through

D. Cuba became an official U.S. territory

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