

# U.S. Presidents: Kennedy and Bush

Crack the medium-level codes and explore their lives

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# John F. Kennedy



**TOP SECRET**

BE AWARE – this code may not be what it seems. You will not need to make any corrections to the article; just think about the letters that are marked.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts in 1917. He was born into a wealthy family, and many of his relatives had been top U.S. politicians. John, called “Jack” by his family, was an especially sick child and suffered from many different illnesses throughout his life. But this did not stop John from becoming a very successful man.

After graduating from Harvard in 1940, John joined the Navy. He became a popular war hero after leading the rescue of his shipmates when their boat was sunk by enemy fire during World War II. He was recognized on his return to the U.S. and was rewarded for his bravery and leadership.

After the war, John’s father convinced him to run for a seat in the House of Representatives. John won the position and was re-elected two times. He then won a place in the Senate in 1956, where he served two terms. During his early political career, Kennedy traveled all over the world and brought back political information about other countries. He also met Jacqueline Bouvier, a journalist, who he would later marry.

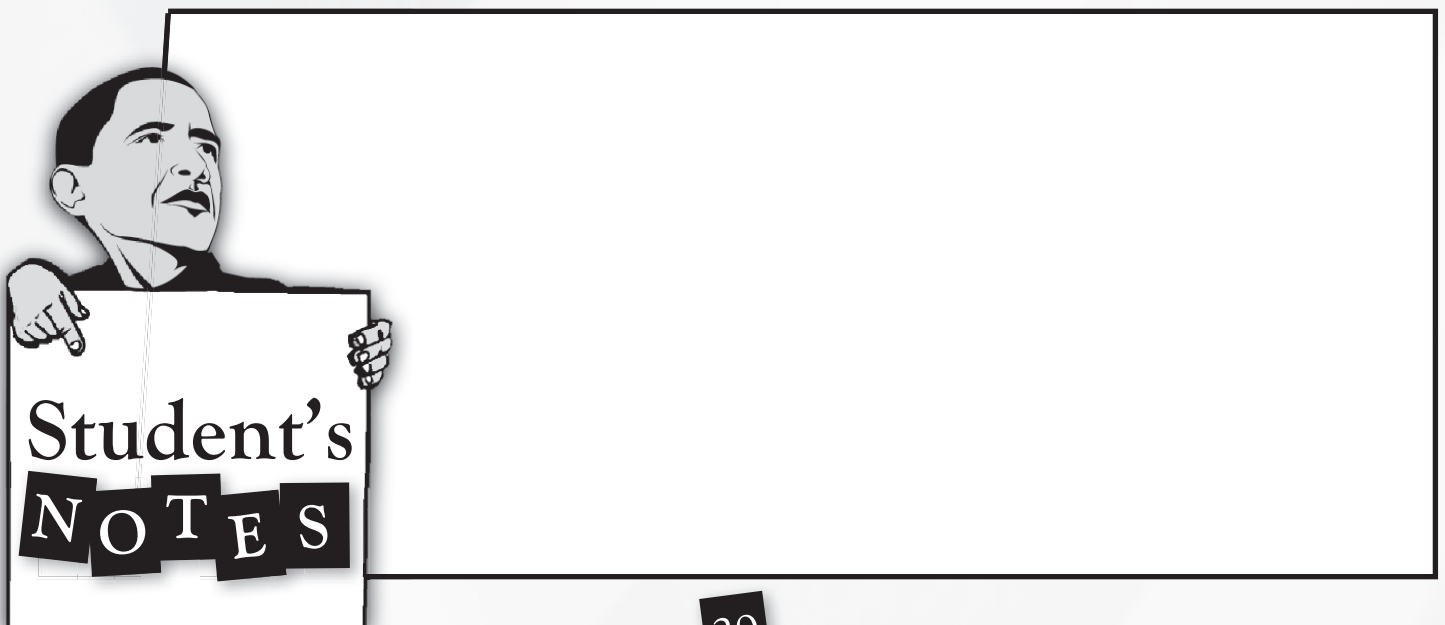
In 1960, Kennedy ran for president against Republican nominee Richard Nixon. Kennedy won in a very close race. His early focus as president was addressing America’s fight against communism. His first action was an invasion of Cuba, known as the Bay of Pigs. This attempt to overthrow the Cuban government failed badly, and was a major embarrassment for President Kennedy.

Tensions with Cuba grew high during the Cuban Missile Crisis a year later. The U.S.

government had learned that Cuba could launch missiles into the United States. President Kennedy feared that the Soviet Union, the largest communist country, would want to move their nuclear missiles to Cuba. This would be a great danger to the United States. In the end, after days of stress and fear of nuclear war, the U.S. and the Soviet Union made an agreement that settled the issue.

President Kennedy pushed for America's exploration of space. He helped establish the Apollo program, which had the goal of landing on the moon. President Kennedy created the Peace Corps, an organization that brought aid to developing areas around the world. He also involved himself in the growing Civil Rights Movement. Realizing that racial equality was necessary and right, Kennedy introduced the Civil Rights Act. Sadly, he would not live to see it passed.

On November 22, 1963, President Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas. The man known for his graceful speeches and his friendly personality had not even finished his first term in office.



# Questions:



1. What job did John's wife, Jacqueline, have when they met? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What government position did John Kennedy run for, but ultimately lose?  
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3. President Kennedy had many pets, two of which were named Bluebell and Maybell. What kind of animal were they? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did President Kennedy do twice daily while in office? \_\_\_\_\_
5. President Kennedy was known to doodle. What was the subject of many of these doodles?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When he was elected, President Kennedy was the \_\_\_\_\_ president to take office.
7. President Kennedy was also the first \_\_\_\_\_ president.
8. John Kennedy wrote a book while he was a Congressman. What prize did this book win?  
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