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Biography: John F. Kennedy

Students can get to know President Kennedy through a brief narrative account of his life. Hyper-text allows access to greater information on selected, highlighted topics. There are also photographs of the President's family, Navy and Marine Corps medals, and of particular interest to students, the President's middle school **report card!**

Topics include:

- Growing Up in the Kennedy Family
- World War II and a Future in Politics
- John F. Kennedy: The 35th President of the United States
- The Legacy of John F. Kennedy

***ATTENTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** Here you will find Biography Worksheets, which are intended to help elementary students reinforce their knowledge of the life and presidency of John F. Kennedy, and encourage them to use critical thinking skills to provide thoughtful answers. Activities include word searches and sentence completions, as well as questions reinforcing the concepts of biography and autobiography.

*National History Standards (K-4): Topic 1 – Living and Working Together in Families & Communities
1B comparing dreams and ideals of families and individuals*

Topic 3 - The History of the United States

4B/C assessing the importance of individuals in history; ordinary people and historical figures who advance the rights of others; historical biography

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There is also a **John F. Kennedy Miscellaneous Information page** with fun facts about the President's life and presidency-- from his favorite movies to the Christmas cards he sent out as president.

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- 5) *Quick Reference: Kennedy, John F.*



Biography: Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy

Students can get to know the First Lady through family photographs and a brief narrative account of her life. Topics include:

- Growing Up
- Going to School
- Jacqueline Bouvier: The “Inquiring Photographer”
- Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the United States
- A Time of Loss and The Legacy of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy

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There is also a page on **Jacqueline Kennedy in the White House**, which includes a slide show of the First Lady.

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Additional **biographies** of Kennedy family members and **profiles** of individuals involved in the Kennedy Administration are also on the website.

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JFK in History

Students can learn about the daily events of President Kennedy's time in the White House through an interactive White House diary. For a larger overview of the times during which President Kennedy served, there is a timeline that details national and international cultural and political events from January 1961 to December 1963. JFK in History contains topic guides on specific subjects relating to the Kennedy administration also allow students to learn about the issues that President Kennedy faced.

JFK in History topic guides:

- The Bay of Pigs
- Campaign of 1960
- Civil Rights Context in the Early 1960s
- The Cold War
- The Cold War in Berlin
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- The Federal Government Takes on Physical Fitness
- Jacqueline Kennedy in the White House
- John F. Kennedy and Ireland
- John F. Kennedy and PT109
- John F. Kennedy and the Press
- Laos
- November 22, 1963: Death of the President
- Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- Peace Corps
- Space Program
- Vietnam
- The White House Restoration

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Links to the White House Diary and Timeline are found at the bottom of every webpage



Let History Speak to You – Listen to Landmark Speeches from President Kennedy

Students can listen to President Kennedy delivering his most well-known and beloved speeches, and read the transcripts from them too. Presented in chronological order, they range from his Announcement of Candidacy for the Presidency on January 2, 1960 to his undelivered remarks intended for Austin, Texas on November 22, 1963. A sampling of these speeches include:

- Address Accepting the Democratic Party Nomination for the Presidency
- Address to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association (addresses religion)
- All Televised Presidential Debates
- Address to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“City upon a hill” speech)
- Inaugural Address
- Radio and Television Report on the Soviet Arms Buildup in Cuba
- Remarks at the Rudolph Wilde Platz (“Ich bin ein Berliner” speech)
- Radio and Television Address on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

National History Standards (5-12): ERA 9 1945 to Early 1970s Postwar United States

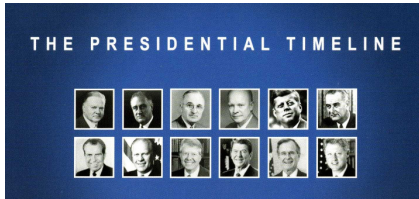
1B explore the role of mass media in American culture

3B the role of the media in the 1960 election; Kennedy’s domestic policies

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The Presidential Timeline

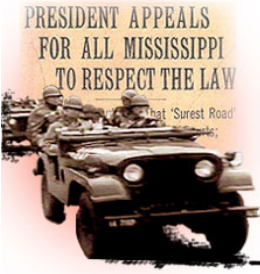
The Presidential Timeline brings together the ever-growing digitized assets of the twelve Presidential Libraries of the National Archives, including the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The project makes hundreds of primary and secondary source materials readily available to students and educators. Covering every president since Herbert Hoover, the Timeline includes biographical information in addition to their years in office. Highlights include:

- Documents from President Kennedy's administration including a memorandum from President John Kennedy to Vice President Lyndon Johnson regarding a survey of U.S. space program
- Photographs from different periods of the presidents' lives
- Audio recordings of speeches and telephone calls made by the presidents
- Video including President Kennedy's announcement of the signing of Executive Order 10924, which created the Peace Corps
- Exhibits on specific timeline events including one on the Peace Corps
- Comparative timelines between each presidency and the civil rights movement
- Educational Activities, including "Kids As Curators: JFK and The Peace Corps"
- Discussion Board for students and educators to discuss the issues raised from viewing the timeline

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Integrating “Ole Miss:” A Civil Rights Milestone

Our interactive and engaging graphics-intensive page provides two ways for teachers and students to experience this momentous occasion in the story of the Civil Rights movement. One format, “Explore by Category,” breaks down James Meredith’s 1961 registration at the University of Mississippi into key sections with corresponding, high-quality, digitally scanned primary source documents. Topics include:

- Who was James Meredith and what were his reasons for applying to Ole Miss?
- What was the conflict all about?
- What was the political and social climate of the early 1960s?
- How did the public respond to the crisis?
- Days of Confrontation
- Aftermath of Meredith’s enrollment and the ensuing riots

Or, teachers and students may opt for the all-inclusive “Explore the Full Story: *Chronology*” page, which displays an interactive timeline giving day-by-day accounts of the turmoil, including the days leading up to Meredith’s registration on October 1, 1962, and a minute-by-minute account of that day’s police activities, protests, speeches, and state and federal government actions. There is also the option to view all available documents and hear all sound clips. Beside each document is a question mark button with a pop-up “Questions to Consider” to stimulate discussion and promote critical thinking. Primary source documents include:

- Letters, court documents and photographs
- Telephone conversations between President Kennedy and Mississippi state officials
- Telegrams expressing public opinions
- Meredith’s letter of request to register at Ole Miss
- Letter from Meredith to Robert F. Kennedy upon his graduation from Ole Miss

National History Standards (K-4): Topic 3 - The History of the United States

4A/B/C importance of basic principals and rights of American democracy; assessing the importance of individuals in history; ordinary people and historical figures who advance the rights of others

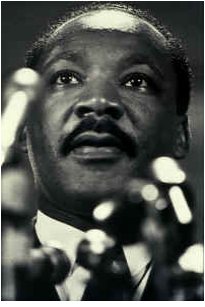
National History Standards (5-12): ERA 9 1945 to Early 1970s Postwar United States

4A origins of postwar civil rights movement; resistance to civil rights in the South; assess the roles of the branches of government in advancing civil rights; assess reasons for and effectiveness of civil disobedience

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Leaders in the Struggle for Civil Rights

Explore correspondence sent to President Kennedy and his staff from seven important civil rights leaders. Included are letters and telegrams from James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis, A. Philip Randolph, Bayard Rustin, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young.

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*National History Standards (5-12): ERA 9 1945 to Early 1970s Postwar United States
4A origins of postwar civil rights movement; resistance to civil rights in the South; analyze leadership and ideology of Martin Luther King Jr.; assess the roles of the branches of government in advancing civil rights; assess reasons for and effectiveness of civil disobedience*

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The World on the Brink: John F. Kennedy and the Cuban Missile Crisis

This section combines text and original photographs and letters to reconstruct this critical period in our nation's history. Here, an interactive calendar allows students and teachers to select and investigate the days leading up to the "13 Days," the actual thirteen-day period of crisis, and its aftermath. Each day is presented with information on the President's daily schedule, transcripts of his talks with advisors and foreign leaders, and relevant visual and audio materials. Original documents and phone conversations bring to life these tense moments of Kennedy's Presidency and include:

- Aerial U-2 photographs of the missile bases and maps showing missile ranges
- Transcripts of off-the-record meetings on Cuba
- The daybook of the President's secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, during the 13 Days
- Proclamations against shipments coming into Cuba
- Correspondence between Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev
- Correspondence between Fidel Castro and Nikita Khrushchev
- Audio of President Kennedy's phone calls to former Presidents Eisenhower, Truman, and Hoover
- Notes from National Security Council and Executive Committee meetings
- Suggestions for further reading

National History Standards (5-12): ERA 9 1945 to Early 1970s Postwar United States

2A explore the advent of nuclear politics; communist governments; relationship with Soviet the Union

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Student Resources

Primary source audiovisual materials, intended for use by both students and teachers, cover the following subjects:

- Vietnam and the Presidency
- Civil Rights Leaders
- The Cuban Missile Crisis
- Americans in Space
 - ★ Online lesson plans entitled *Why Explore Outer Space?* and *The Space Race*.
 - ★ Audio remarks from President Kennedy on the Space Program and letters between the President and Vice President Johnson concerning the need for a U.S. Space Program.
- Topic Guides

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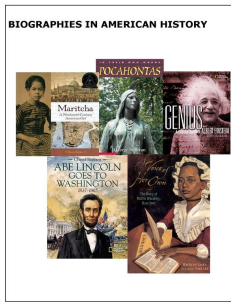
*Topic 4 – The History of Peoples of Many Cultures around the World
8B/C transportation developments; advancements in communication*

*National History Standards (5-12): ERA 9 1945 to Early 1970s Postwar United States
3B the role of the media in the 1960 election; Kennedy's domestic policies
1C new relationship between science and government*

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Historical Literature Resources for Elementary and Middle Grades

Inspired by the book *History Makers: A Questioning Approach to Reading and Writing Biographies* by Myra Zarnowski, these resources offer teachers and students guidance about how to use and evaluate historical biographies. This section also includes comprehensive bibliographies for four historical periods. Highlights include:

- Resources for Evaluating Biographies and Non-Fiction Books:
 - Evaluating Biographies and Nonfiction Books for Elementary and Middle Grades
 - Student Handout: What to Look for When You Read a Biography
 - Criteria adapted from the Orbis Pictus Nonfiction Award
- Annotated Bibliography for Elementary and Middle Grades in four historical periods:
 - The Colonial Era
 - The Revolutionary Era
 - The 19th Century
 - The 20th Century

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Profiles IN Courage



The Profile in Courage Essay Contest is a student companion piece to The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation's Profile in Courage Award, created in 1989 to honor President Kennedy and recognize and celebrate the quality of political courage that he most admired. High school students are encouraged to participate by writing a compelling essay on the meaning of political courage, and to learn about and be inspired by America's elected officials, past or present, who have tried to make a difference in the world. The winner and nominating teacher are awarded cash prizes and honored at the Foundation's annual Profile in Courage Award ceremony hosted by Caroline Kennedy and Senator Edward Kennedy held each May at the Kennedy Library in Boston. Online curriculum materials are designed to help classes define political courage and the issues that require such courage, and to aid students in crafting their essays.

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Your Own Personal Reference Desk!

Access a wealth of information on John F. Kennedy and the political and social climate of the 1960s. These resources include:

- *Selected speeches of John F. Kennedy*
- *Picture Gallery* - photographs of JFK and his family, photographs from the Kennedy White House, and photographs of Martin Luther King Jr.
- *Foreign Relations of the United States 1961-1963* – detailed information on the documents, conversations, policies, and people involved in Kennedy era foreign relations. Includes information on Vietnam, Cuba, Berlin, China, Korea, Japan and the Soviet Union.
- *John F. Kennedy and the Arts*
- *Press Conferences of President Kennedy* – White House transcripts of News Conferences given by the President between the years 1961-1963; some with sound clips
- *Archives Reference Desk* – Information on the Kennedy Library’s archives holdings
- *John F. Kennedy Miscellaneous Information page* – Fun facts about the President’s life and presidency, from his favorite movies to the Christmas cards he sent out as president

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The link to the “Miscellaneous Information page” can be found under the “Quick Reference” link on the “Archives Reference Desk” page.

For additional research information not on the Library’s website, students and teachers may contact the Library’s Research Room at Kennedy.Library@NARA.gov or 617-514-1629.



Learn History From Those Who Make It! – Kennedy Library Forum Transcripts

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum provides online access to transcripts from our Kennedy Library Forum series. Renowned historians, authors, political leaders and social activists provide insights and commentary on both historical and contemporary issues. The subjects covered include:

Civil Rights:

- The Centennial of Thurgood Marshall, 6/16/08*
- A Civil Rights Milestone – June 11, 1963, 1/21/08*
- A Tribute to Jackie Robinson, 10/16/07
- A Conversation with Charlayne Hunter-Gault, 9/4/07
- A Tribute to August Wilson, 1/15/07
- Singing for Justice, 5/15/06
- A Tribute to Barbara Jordan and Shirley Chisholm, 1/16/06
- Eyes on the Prize Revisited, 1/17/05
- 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, 5/17/04
- Civil Rights Photographers, 1/19/04*
- Integrating the University of Alabama, 11/17/03
- On Kennedy and King, 6/11/03*
- Race and Presidential Politics, 4/28/03*
- The March on Washington, 4/14/03
- Non-Violence and the Quest for Civil Rights, 3/29/03
- Race and Democracy, 12/11/02*
- Strategies and Tactics in the Struggle for Civil and Human Rights, 11/18/02
- James Meredith and the Integration of Ole Miss., 9/30/02*
- Seeking Common Ground: Civil Rights and Human Rights, 9/25/02 & 3/15/02
- Race in the Military, 11/11/01*
- A Conversation on Race, 6/8/98
- The Struggle for Civil Rights, 4/29/98
- Religion, the Churches, and the Crusade for Racial Justice, 4/19/98
- Boston and the Civil Rights Movement, 3/29/98*
- The Media and the Civil Rights Revolution, 3/24/98
- Facing a Moral Crisis: The Struggle for Civil Rights in America, 3/23/98*
- The Music of the Civil Rights Movement, 3/15/98
- Race and Political Leadership in the South, 3/10/98
- Taylor Branch, 3/1/98

The Cold War:

- Vietnam and the Presidency, 3/10-3/11/06
- Presidents at War, 10/4/04
- Is Iraq Vietnam?, 4/18/04
- The Fog of War, 12/14/03
- The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Media, 10/28/02*
- On the Brink: Curbing Iraq's Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction, 10/24/02*
- On the Brink: The Cuban Missile Crisis, 10/20/02
- Cuban Missile Crisis: An Historical Perspective, 10/6/02
- Thirteen Days: An Insider's Perspective, 10/1/02
- American Tragedy: Revisiting Vietnam, 5/1/00*
- The Cold War through Khrushchev's Eyes, 4/16/00*

JFK Life and Legacy:

- A Conversation with Ted Sorensen, 5/28/08*
- A Conversation with Richard Goodwin, 11/4/07
- Exploring the Space Frontier, 9/17/07
- Rachel Carson Centennial, 6/2/07
- Reflections on the 20th Century, 3/12/07
- Presidential Speechwriters, 2/19/07
- Robert Dallek on John F. Kennedy in His Own Words, 6/11/06
- The Irish Tenors in the Kennedy Administration, 5/1/06
- A Conversation with Richard Reeves on Presidents Kennedy, Nixon and Reagan, 2/20/06
- Walter Cronkite, 10/26/05
- JFK MLK RFK 1960-1968, 10/23/05
- A Conversation with World War II PT Boat Veterans, 6/27/05*
- D-Day to Berlin, 6/20/05
- The Search for PT 109, 6/13/05
- A Conversation with I.M. Pei, 9/26/04
- Averting "The Final Failure", 5/16/04
- Space Exploration: Then and Now, 12/2/03
- Filming JFK, 11/16/03
- Recollecting JFK, 10/22/03
- The Presidency of John F. Kennedy, 10/19/03
- On Kennedy and King, 6/11/03
- Dallek on Kennedy, 5/20/03
- Eleanor Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, 3/17/03*
- Ask what you can do for your country: National Summit on Service, 6/17/02*
- The State of Political Courage Today, 5/6/02*
- What Would JFK Do?, 4/21/02*
- Challenges at Home and Abroad: Past and Present, 4/8/02*
- Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years, 2/3/02*
- Defining Style: Jacqueline Kennedy's White House Years, 11/18/01*
- Presidents and Foreign Policy Crises, 11/7/01*
- Promoting Religious Tolerance in the Face of Religiously Motivated Terrorism, 10/22/01*

- The Art of Political Biography, 5/16/00*
- Robert Frost: The Nation's Poet, 5/2/00*
- "Mission Control: We have a problem.", 4/17/00*

Presidencies:

- The Presidency of Richard M. Nixon, 12/4/07
- The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, 12/18/05
- The Presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson, 11/20/05
- A Conversation with Former President Bill Clinton, 3/28/03
- The Presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower, 3/9/03
- The Presidency of Harry S. Truman, 4/28/02*
- Theodore Roosevelt: The White House Years, 3/5/02*
- Reassessing the Johnson Presidency, 1/30/02*
- David McCullough on John Adams, 5/30/01
- A Conversation with President George Bush, 5/21/00*
- Calvin Coolidge: Examining the Evidence, 7/30-7/31/98*

Hemingway Collection:

- A Conversation with Patrick Hemingway, 12/3/06
- Dear Papa Dear Hotch, 11/28/05
- Life with the Hemingways, 11/8/04
- Writers on War, 3/21/04

Politics and the Media:

- The Art of Political Cartoons, 10/24/04
- The Evolution of Political Advertising, 5/3/04
- "Stories I Tell My Friends" (Bob Schieffer), 2/10/03*
- The Art of Political Humor, 10/16/02*

*Transcript not yet available

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