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His Inaugural Address offered the memorable words: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." As President, he set out to keep his campaign promise to get America moving again. His economic programs launched the country on its longest economic growth since World War II. He also took vigorous action in the cause of equal rights.

Kennedy increased the nation's military strength and spending on the space race during the Cold War. He confronted Russia when it tried to put nuclear missiles in Cuba. While the world trembled on the brink of nuclear war, the Russians backed down. On November 22, 1963, hardly past his first thousand days in office, JFK was assassinated. He was the youngest man elected President and the youngest to die.

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3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

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STUDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about John F. Kennedy in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about John F. Kennedy. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about John F. Kennedy. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. JOHN F. KENNEDY POSTER Make a poster about John F. Kennedy. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY JOHN F. KENNEDY LESSON: Make your own English lesson on John F. Kennedy. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on John F. Kennedy. Share your findings with the class.

