Lesson 2  JFK and the Cold War


DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: To contain communism, Kennedy advocated a buildup of conventional weapons and the establishment of aid programs in Latin American and developing nations.

1. Why did Kennedy push for more conventional weapons?

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2. What was the Alliance for Progress?

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3. How did the Peace Corps help developing nations?

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4. Why was the space program important to Kennedy?

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B. Main Idea: Kennedy’s efforts to fight communism led to intense crises during his presidency.

1. Why was the Bay of Pigs a fiasco for the United States?

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2. What became the symbol of Cold War divisions?

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3. What incident exposed the Soviets’ military inferiority and led to the buildup of weapons in the United States and the Soviet Union?

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4. **When** did the presidency of JFK end?

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Summary and Reflection

**DIRECTIONS:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How was Kennedy’s foreign policy characterized by aid and crises?

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