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| John F. Kennedy (1961 - 1963) Exercises | about-the-world.org/3965 | Video and exercises |

**Match terms**

*Task: Match each term with the appropriate explanation!*

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| (A) | Space Race | (1) | town in Massachusetts |
| (E) | Inaugurated | (2) | prestigious university in US |
| (I) | Civil Rights Act | (3) | upper house in US Congress |
| (L) | Economic Policies | (4) | formally admitted to office |
| (N) | Cold War | (5) | political tension post-World War II |
| (O) | Harvard University | (6) | major Cold War confrontation |
| (P) | Brookline | (7) | law against racial discrimination |
| (T) | Senate | (8) | competition in space exploration |
| (T) | Cuban Missile Crisis | (9) | government actions affecting economy |

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**Complete sentences**

*Task: Match the beginning of each sentence with the end!*

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| (C) | He faced significant ... | (1) | ... in Brookline, Massachusetts. |
| (E) | Kennedy’s legacy continues ... | (2) | ... Harvard University in 1940. |
| (I) | Kennedy became president ... | (3) | ... the Navy during World War II. |
| (J) | Kennedy was born ... | (4) | ... to the U.S. House of Representatives. |
| (S) | Kennedy served in ... | (5) | ... at the age of 43. |
| (T) | He was elected ... | (6) | ... challenges during the Cold War. |
| (U) | He graduated from ... | (7) | ... to inspire many Americans. |

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**Questions (multiple choice)**

*Task: Answer the questions!*

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| 1. | Where was Kennedy born? |
| (P) | in Brookline, Massachusetts |
| (R) | in Washington D.C. |
| (V) | in New York |
| 2. | What did Kennedy study at Harvard? |
| (A) | Law |
| (E) | Government |
| (S) | Economics |
| 3. | When did Kennedy become president? |
| (M) | 1962 |
| (N) | 1961 |
| (R) | 1960 |
| 4. | What was a major event during Kennedy’s presidency? |
| (C) | Cuban Missile Crisis |
| (R) | Korean War |
| (V) | Vietnam War |
| 5. | What did Kennedy propose to end racial discrimination? |
| (A) | Fair Housing Act |
| (I) | Civil Rights Act |
| (S) | Voting Rights Act |
| 6. | What did Kennedy support during the Space Race? |
| (L) | Landing a man on the Moon |
| (R) | Building a space station |
| (V) | Sending a mission to Mars |

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**Right or wrong?**

*Task: State whether the statements are true or false!*

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| right | wrong |  |
| (U) | (V) | 1. Kennedy was born in Brookline. |
| (F) | (R) | 2. Kennedy was born in 1910. |
| (R) | (L) | 3. Kennedy served in the Army. |
| (A) | (R) | 4. Kennedy served in the Navy. |
| (U) | (T) | 5. Kennedy was the 35th President. |
| (A) | (B) | 6. Kennedy was the 45th President. |

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**7 Questions about the text**

*Task: Answer the questions in one or two complete sentences!*

What did Kennedy study at Harvard?

What was Kennedy’s role during World War II?

What was Kennedy’s inaugural address about?

How did Kennedy respond to the Cuban Missile Crisis?

What did Kennedy do for the civil rights movement?

What was Kennedy’s goal for the Space Race?

What is Kennedy’s legacy?

**Solution sheet 1**

**John F. Kennedy (1961 - 1963)**

**Match terms**

Brookline = town in Massachusetts

Harvard University = prestigious university in US

Senate = upper house in US Congress

Inaugurated = formally admitted to office

Cold War = political tension post-World War II

Cuban Missile Crisis = major Cold War confrontation

Civil Rights Act = law against racial discrimination

Space Race = competition in space exploration

Economic Policies = government actions affecting economy

Keyword: POTENTIAL

**Complete sentences**

Kennedy was born | in Brookline, Massachusetts.

He graduated from | Harvard University in 1940.

Kennedy served in | the Navy during World War II.

He was elected | to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Kennedy became president | at the age of 43.

He faced significant | challenges during the Cold War.

Kennedy’s legacy continues | to inspire many Americans.

Keyword: JUSTICE

**Questions**

Where was Kennedy born?

in Brookline, Massachusetts

What did Kennedy study at Harvard?

Government

When did Kennedy become president?

1961

What was a major event during Kennedy’s presidency?

Cuban Missile Crisis

What did Kennedy propose to end racial discrimination?

Civil Rights Act

What did Kennedy support during the Space Race?

Landing a man on the Moon

Keyword: PENCIL

**Right or wrong?**

right

1. Kennedy was born in Brookline.

4. Kennedy served in the Navy.

5. Kennedy was the 35th President.

wrong

6. Kennedy was the 45th President.

2. Kennedy was born in 1910.

3. Kennedy served in the Army.

Keyword: TICKET

**Solution sheet 2**

**John F. Kennedy (1961 - 1963)**

**Questions and answers**

What did Kennedy study at Harvard?

Kennedy studied government at Harvard University.

What was Kennedy’s role during World War II?

Kennedy served in the Navy during World War II.

What was Kennedy’s inaugural address about?

Kennedy’s inaugural address urged Americans to contribute to their country.

How did Kennedy respond to the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Kennedy responded to the Cuban Missile Crisis by imposing a naval blockade.

What did Kennedy do for the civil rights movement?

Kennedy proposed the Civil Rights Act to end racial discrimination.

What was Kennedy’s goal for the Space Race?

Kennedy aimed to land a man on the Moon before the end of the decade.

What is Kennedy’s legacy?

Kennedy’s legacy includes his inspiring leadership and significant events during his presidency.