

# JFK & LBJ

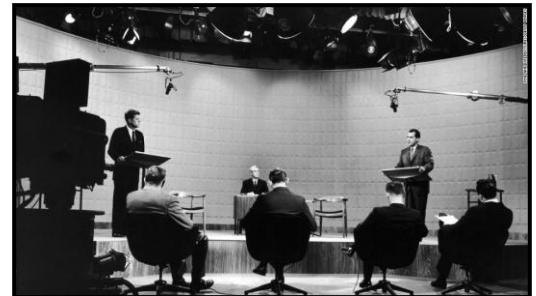
John F Kennedy (1961-1963) & Lyndon Johnson (1963-1969)



## I. The Election of 1960

A. The election of 1960 marked a turning point in U.S. politics

1. Republican \_\_\_\_\_ offered experience: Served 8 years as \_\_\_\_\_; Had foreign policy experience during the critical stages of the Cold War; Promised to keep gov't spending & \_\_\_\_\_
2. Democrat \_\_\_\_\_ offered youth & \_\_\_\_\_: Served 2 Senate terms; Had no foreign policy experience; Seen as inexperienced; \_\_\_\_\_; But, offered active leadership to address America's problems
3. 1960 was the 1st time presidential \_\_\_\_\_ were on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. TV debates helped \_\_\_\_\_ the election
  - b. 1960 marked the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ dominance in politics



## II. JFK & the New Frontier

A. President Kennedy's Inaugural Address & goals as president (*listen to the audio of JFK's inaugural address*)

B. President Kennedy represented \_\_\_\_\_, charisma, hope, & a new approach to government

C. President Kennedy's vision for America was called the "\_\_\_\_\_"

1. He filled out his cabinet & White House staff with the "\_\_\_\_\_ political minds in America"
2. At home, President Kennedy wanted to improve the lives of all Americans:
  - a. After the \_\_\_\_\_ in Birmingham in 1963, JFK committed to create the \_\_\_\_\_ Act
  - b. He wanted to wage a "\_\_\_\_\_ to help close the \_\_\_\_\_ between the rich & the poor

## III. JFK & the Cold War

A. In the Cold War, JFK took a strong stand against the Soviet Union:

1. He believed that the USSR had more ICBMs ("\_\_\_\_\_") & better \_\_\_\_\_ technology
2. He wanted a "\_\_\_\_\_ to fight the Cold War: more ICBMs but also a bigger \_\_\_\_\_
3. He wanted a "\_\_\_\_\_ capability" against the USSR, (rather than "mutually assured destruction")

B. President Kennedy fought the Cold War in other ways:

1. JFK created the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1961 to send \_\_\_\_\_ aid & improve U.S. relations with under-developed nations
2. In 1962, JFK committed the U.S. to catch the USSR in the \_\_\_\_\_ by landing a man on the \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the decade; U.S. landed on the moon in \_\_\_\_\_

### C. The Berlin Crisis, 1961:

1. In JFK's first year in office, Soviet leader Khrushchev threatened to cut off access to \_\_\_\_\_
2. JFK vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ access to West Berlin
3. Rather than blockade the city, Communist leaders built the \_\_\_\_\_ in 1961 to keep East Germans out of West Berlin

### D. The Bay of Pigs Invasion, 1961

1. In 1959, \_\_\_\_\_ gained control of \_\_\_\_\_, seized property, & took aid from Khrushchev in the USSR

- a. Under Eisenhower, the CIA trained \_\_\_\_\_ to invade the island & \_\_\_\_\_ of Castro
- b. In 1961, JFK authorized the plan, but the \_\_\_\_\_ invasion \_\_\_\_\_ after JFK called off air strikes on Cuba
- 2. JFK went on TV & took \_\_\_\_\_ for the failure at the Bay of Pigs

#### E. The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

1. After the failure at the Bay of Pigs, Soviet leader \_\_\_\_\_ promised to \_\_\_\_\_ Cuba from the USA
2. In 1962, U.S. spy planes revealed \_\_\_\_\_ camps in Cuba
  - a. If assembled, Soviet \_\_\_\_\_ in Cuba would give the USSR \_\_\_\_\_ capability on U.S. targets
  - b. JFK warned that he would \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear missiles in Cuba
3. Kennedy announced a \_\_\_\_\_ (blockade) to keep more missiles out & demanded that the Soviets \_\_\_\_\_ already in Cuba
4. Soviet ships, escorted by nuclear-equipped \_\_\_\_\_, soon approached the quarantine line & the world waited for \_\_\_\_\_
5. The standoff ended when a deal was reached:
  - a. Soviet ships \_\_\_\_\_ at the last minute & Khrushchev \_\_\_\_\_ its missiles from Cuba
  - b. JFK promised that the U.S. would not \_\_\_\_\_ Cuba & secretly agreed to remove ICBMs from \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The crisis ended as a \_\_\_\_\_ for JFK, but it revealed how close the two sides came to nuclear war



#### IV. The Assassination of JFK, 1963

A. On Nov 22, 1963 John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas

B. Chronology of events:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was arrested
2. VP \_\_\_\_\_ was sworn in as president on Air Force One
3. Two days later, Oswald was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jack Ruby
4. After a 10 month investigation, the \_\_\_\_\_ stated that Oswald was a "lone gunman"

C. JFK's assassination had important consequences for America:

1. The "martyrdom" of JFK put pressure on Congress to pass the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1964
2. VP Lyndon Johnson carried out JFK's "
3. LBJ enacted his own program called the "\_\_\_\_\_ with civil rights, \_\_\_\_\_, environmental, & social programs

#### V. Lyndon Johnson

A. In 1963, LBJ finished the last year of JFK's presidency & then ran for president in the 1964 election:

1. His opponent was \_\_\_\_\_ Republican \_\_\_\_\_ who talked about strongly resisting the USSR with nuclear weapons
2. Johnson won & began his "Great Society," the broadest series of social \_\_\_\_\_ since FDR's \_\_\_\_\_