

## John Fitzgerald Kennedy



John F. Kennedy was \_\_\_\_\_ into a rich, politically connected Boston family of Irish-Catholics. He and his eight siblings \_\_\_\_\_ a privileged childhood of elite private schools, sailboats, servants, and \_\_\_\_\_ homes. During his childhood and youth, "Jack" Kennedy suffered frequent serious \_\_\_\_\_. **Nevertheless**, he **strove** to make his own way, writing a best-selling \_\_\_\_\_ while still in college at Harvard University and volunteering for **hazardous** combat duty in the Pacific \_\_\_\_\_ World War II. Kennedy's wartime service \_\_\_\_\_ him a hero. After a short **stint** as a journalist, Kennedy entered politics, serving in the US House of Representatives from 1947 to 1953 and the US Senate from 1953 to 1961.

Kennedy was the \_\_\_\_\_ person elected US president and the first Roman Catholic to serve in that office. For many observers, his presidency came to represent the ascendance of youthful idealism in the **aftermath** of World War II. The promise of this energetic and **telegenic** leader was \_\_\_\_\_ to be **fulfilled**, as he was assassinated near the end of his third year in office. For many Americans, the public murder of President Kennedy remains one of the \_\_\_\_\_ traumatic events in memory; countless Americans can \_\_\_\_\_ exactly where they were when they heard that President Kennedy had \_\_\_\_\_ shot. His shocking death stood at the **forefront** of a period of political and \_\_\_\_\_ instability in the country and the world.

Complete this text with words from the box.

been   book   born   during   enjoyed   illnesses   made   most  
not   remember   serving   social   summer   year   youngest

Match these definitions to the words in bold.

1. The period that follows an unpleasant event: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The most noticeable or important position: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Achieved, realized: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Dangerous: \_\_\_\_\_
5. However: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Period of work: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tried very hard: \_\_\_\_\_
8. That appears attractive on television: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark these sentences as T (True) or F (False).

1. John Kennedy was born in Boston. \_\_\_\_\_
2. His family were Protestant. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He was often ill as a child and youngster. \_\_\_\_\_
4. He went to Yale University. \_\_\_\_\_
5. He fought in the Second World War: \_\_\_\_\_
6. He couldn't complete his presidential term. \_\_\_\_\_
7. After his death there was instability in the US and the world. \_\_\_\_\_

