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## JOHN F. KENNEDY

John F. Kennedy was the 35th president of the United States. He was a very young president. Many people liked his leadership style. John was born into a very wealthy family. He was one of nine children. He went to private schools as a child and went on to Harvard University. World War II broke out and John was enlisted in the Navy. While at war, John was a war hero. He saved the lives of many men when their ship was hit.

After the war, he ran for senator of Massachusetts. He won by a huge margin. He served two terms. In 1960, he ran for president of the country. He debated against Richard Nixon. These were the first debates on television. John was elected president by a narrow margin. He was the youngest person ever to be elected president. He and his wife, Jackie, had young children in the White House.

As president, John worked hard to solve tough problems. He created the Peace Corps, as well as other programs. But not everyone approved. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas, Texas in November 1963. Police arrested Lee Harvey Oswald for the assassination of President Kennedy.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Based on the passage, what were some of John's interests?
  - a. playing polo
  - b. fighting in the military
  - c. helping and serving others
  - d. opening up talks with the Cuban leadership
2. What can you conclude about John Kennedy?
  - a. He was loved and adored by everyone.
  - b. He was able to accomplish many things in a short time period.
  - c. He was learning to speak another language.
  - d. He was the best president of the United States.
3. Which of the following items would not be on President Kennedy's resume?
  - a. fought in World War II
  - b. elected president of the United States
  - c. served as a senator for Massachusetts
  - d. arrested Lee Harvey Oswald
4. What is the main idea of the third paragraph?
  - a. Lee Harvey Oswald was not mentally stable.
  - b. President Kennedy was loved by some and despised by others.
  - c. President Kennedy was the youngest person ever to be elected president.