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John F. Kennedy

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John F. Kennedy was the thirty-fifth president. He was born in Massachusetts in 1917. He went to school at Harvard. After college, he joined the Navy. He served in World War II. He was a hero. In 1953, he was elected to the Senate. Kennedy married his wife, Jacqueline, the same year. In 1955, he wrote a book called Profiles in Courage. The book won an award. The award is called the Pulitzer Prize. This award is given for outstanding achievement in literature. In 1960, Kennedy was nominated for president. He beat Richard Nixon in a close election. Kennedy was the youngest person to ever be elected president. There was tension between the United States and Russia while Kennedy was president. This was called the Cold War. Kennedy had to try to keep the peace. Kennedy fought for equal rights for all Americans. He supported new laws for civil rights. He also created the Peace Corps. In 1963, Kennedy was shot while he was riding in a car in a motorcade in Texas. The country was shocked and saddened by his death.



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Questions

- _____ 1. Who was John F. Kennedy?
- A. the thirty-second president
 - B. the thirty-first president
 - C. the thirty-fourth president
 - D. the thirty-fifth president

- _____ 2. Where did Kennedy go to school?
- A. Harvard
 - B. West Point
 - C. Princeton
 - D. Yale
- _____ 3. In which branch of the military did Kennedy serve?
- A. Marines
 - B. Navy
 - C. Air Force
 - D. Army
- _____ 4. What award did Kennedy win for a book that he wrote?
- A. Pulitzer Prize
 - B. Newbery Honor Award
 - C. Coretta Scott King Award
 - D. Nobel Prize
5. Name two countries involved in the Cold War.
