

# Unit 11: A Turbulent Time

Lesson One:

JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis

Vietnam

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# John F. Kennedy

President from  
January 1961- November 1963

## 35<sup>th</sup> President of the US

- Some Americans thought John F. Kennedy's youth and religion would be roadblocks to his election. But in a very close vote, he became the youngest man and the first Catholic to win the presidency.
- JFK urged thousands to leave their jobs and join government service or go overseas to help those less fortunate.
- From day one, he was determined to be an active president, a good president, a president who would inspire the nation



*“And so, my fellow  
Americans: ask not what  
your country can do for  
you—ask what you can do  
for your country.”* JFK,  
Inaugural Speech





# Civil Rights



We will talk a little more about the Civil Rights Movement in the next class!

- When Kennedy noticed in the inaugural parade that there were no black cadets among the Coast Guard marchers, his first act as president was to call an aide and ask him to do something about that. The next September there was a black professor and several black cadets at the Coast Guard Academy.
- *This man, John F. Kennedy, was determined to be an active president, a good president, a president who would inspire the nation.*

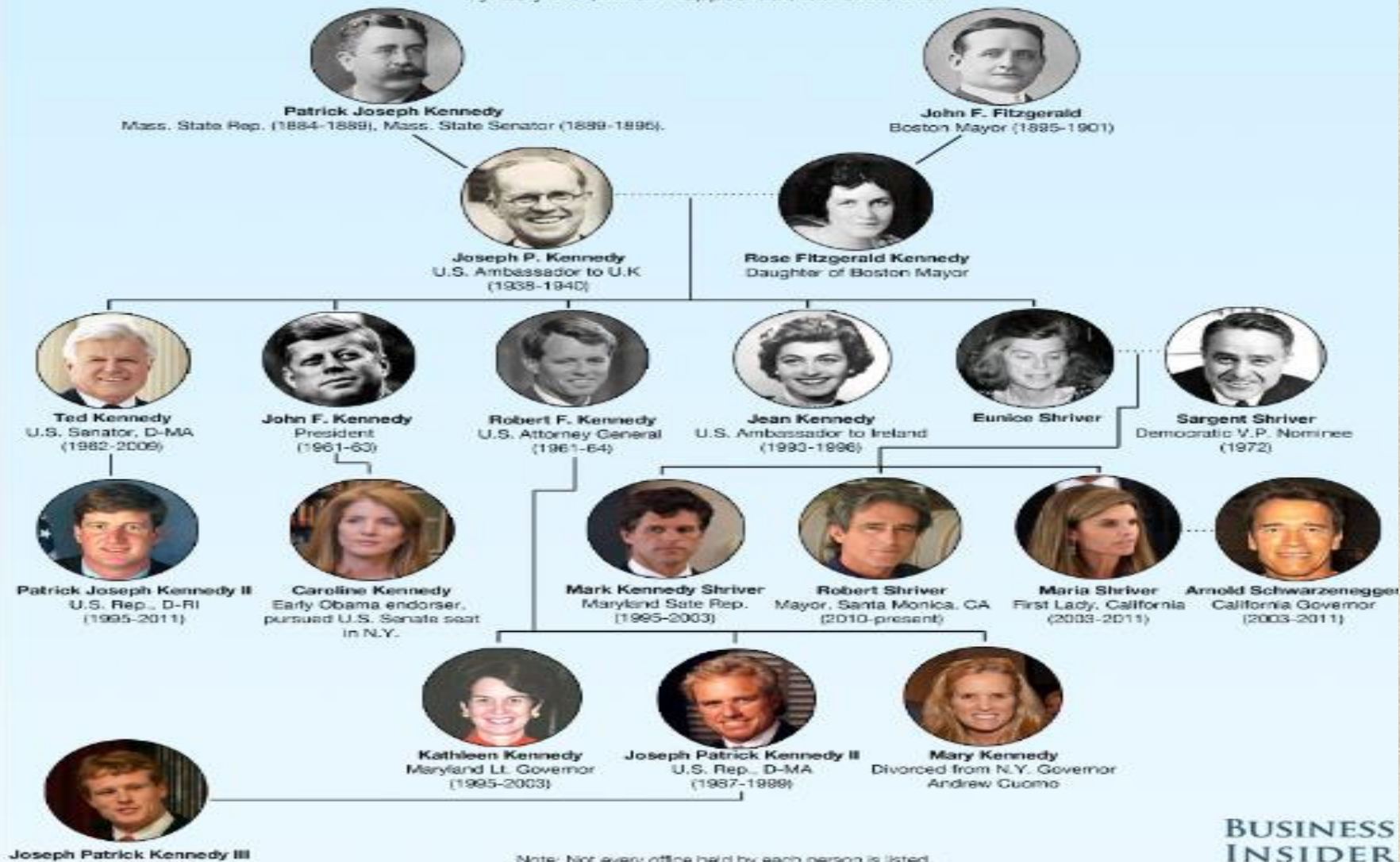
# The Kennedys





## A Brief History Of Kennedys In American Politics

On January 5, Joseph P. Kennedy III announced he was forming an exploratory committee to consider running for Massachusetts' fourth Congressional district to replace retiring Rep. Barney Frank (D.) Should he win, Kennedy would further a storied political dynasty that, when mapped out, looks like this:

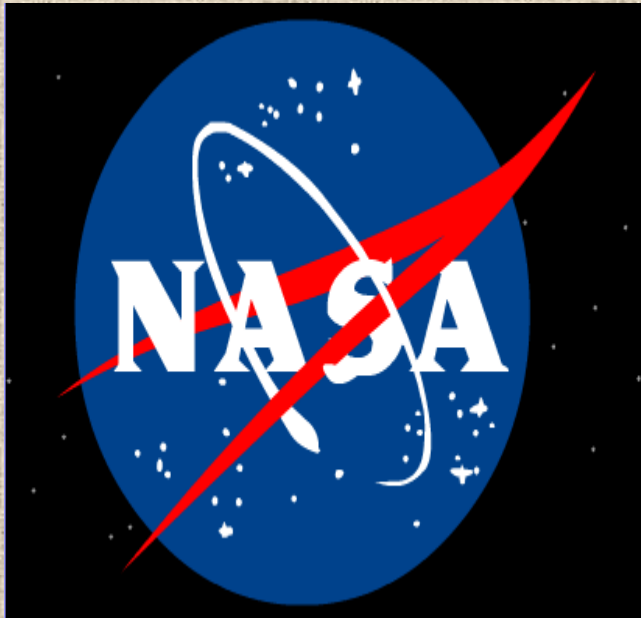


# The Cold War...

- Our war against the spread of communism continues.
- What happened previously to “contain” the spread of communism around the world?



# Oh no... they didn't!

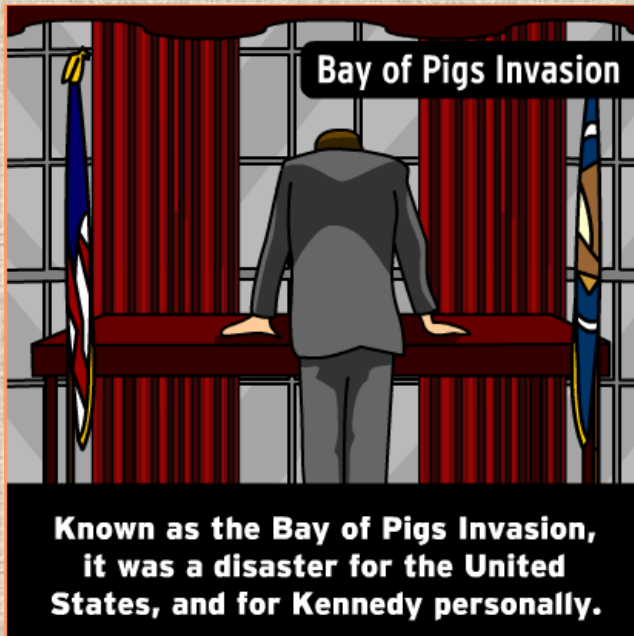


- History changed on October 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union successfully launched Sputnik I. The world's first artificial satellite was about the size of a beach ball (58 cm. or 22.8 inches in diameter), weighed only 83.6 kg. or 183.9 pounds, and took about 98 minutes to orbit the Earth on its elliptical path. That launch ushered in new political, military, technological, and scientific developments. It marked the start of the space age and the U.S.-U.S.S.R space race. Launched first animals and humans in earth's orbit.
- JFK promised to put a man on the moon. The Apollo Project.

# Who launched the first satellite?

- a) China
- b) The U.S.A
- c) Soviet Union
- d) I'm not sure, I wasn't paying attention for that slide.

# Bay of Pigs: April 1961



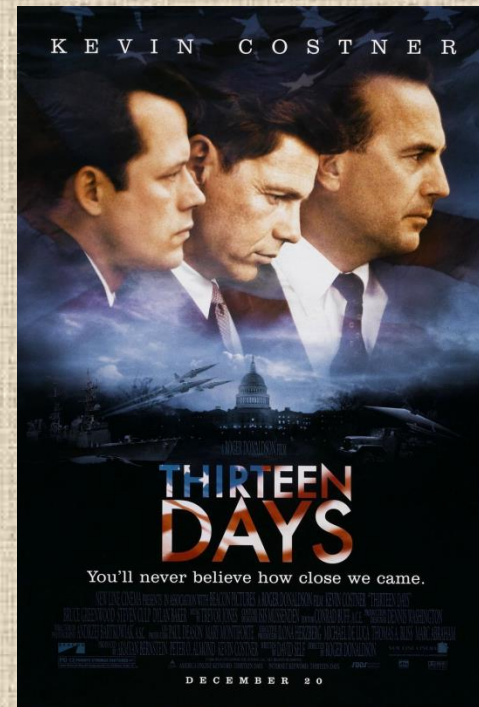
- The idea of a communist nation with ties to Russia sitting 90 miles off the coast of the United States made people in this country very nervous. As soon as John F. Kennedy became president, he learned that the CIA—the Central Intelligence Agency—had been secretly training Cuban refugees as warriors, and planning to land them on the island. The CIA experts said that the Cuban people would then rise up, join the invaders, and throw out dictator Castro. President Kennedy didn't want to seem soft on communism. After Joseph McCarthy, no one did. He told the CIA to go ahead. The invasion, at a place called the Bay of Pigs.
- **What happened? Why was it a Fiasco?**



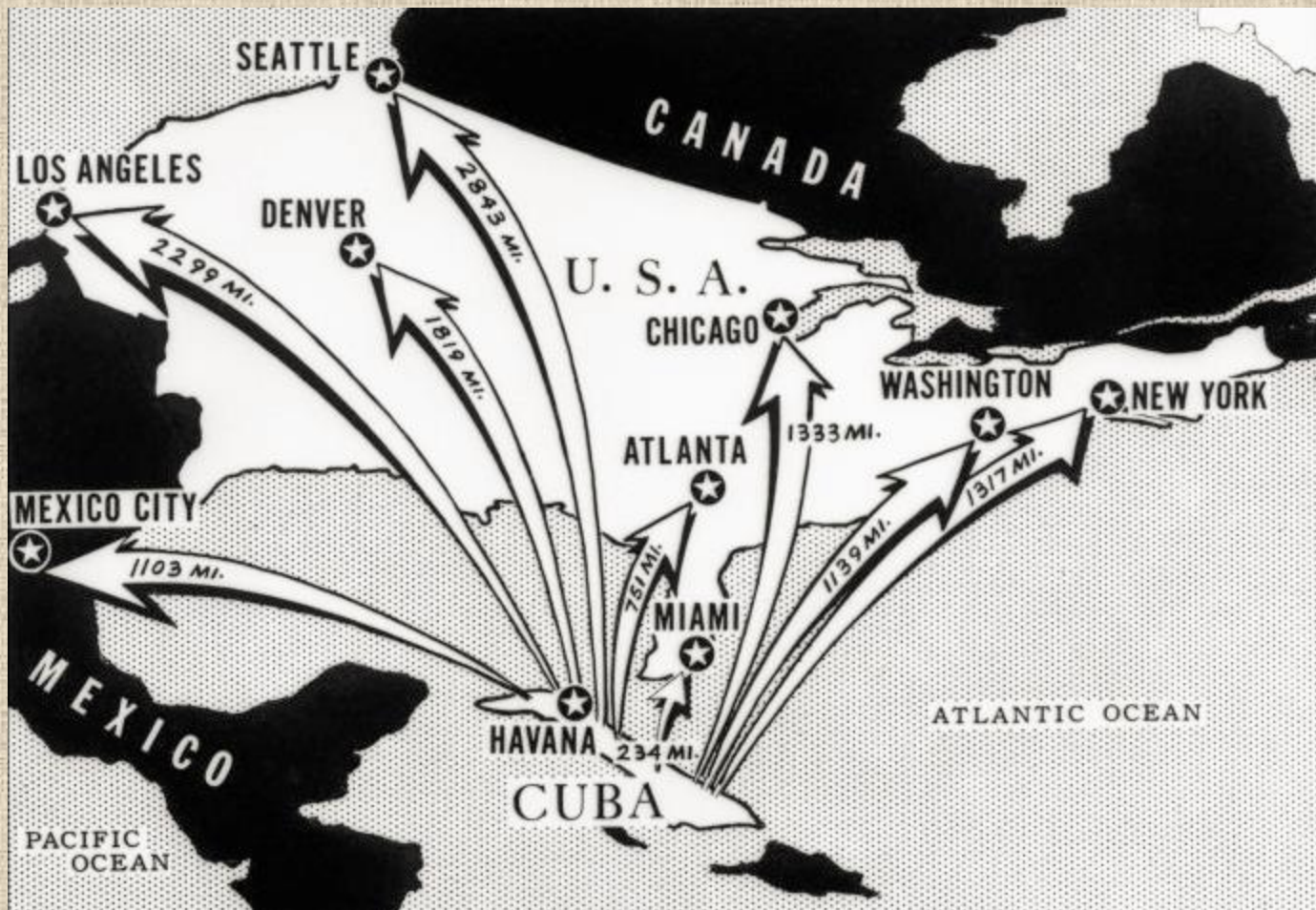
# The Cuban Missile Crisis: October 1961



# “You’ll Never Believe How Close We Came”









# The New York Times

## U.S. IMPOSES ARMS BLOCKADE ON CUBA ON FINDING OFFENSIVE-MISSILE SITES; KENNEDY READY FOR SOVIET SHOWDOWN

U.S. JUDGE DENIES 'MOROSE' View of New Front; 1959, 1962, 1962  
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# The New York Times

## SOME SOVIET SHIPS SAID TO VEER FROM CUBA; KHRUSHCHEV SUGGESTS A SUMMIT MEETING; THANT BIDS U. S. AND RUSSIA DENIST 2 WEEKS

# The New York Times

## KENNEDY AGREES TO TALKS ON THAT PLAN; KHRUSHCHEV ACCEPTS IT; BLOCKADE GOES ON; RUSSIAN TANKER INTERCEPTED AND CLEARED

# The New York Times

## U.S. FINDS CUBA SPEEDING BUILD WARNS OF FURTHER ACTION; U. SOVIET AGREES TO SHUN BLOCK

# The New York Times

## U. S. GETS SOVIET OFFER TO END CUBA BASES, REJECTS BID TO LINK IT TO THOSE IN TURKEY; U-2 LOST ON PATROL, OTHER CRAFT FIRED ON

# The New York Times

## U.S. AND SOVIET REACH ACCOMMODATION; KENNEDY ACCEPTS KHRUSHCHEV TO REMOVE MISSILES UNDER



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# U.S. BLOCKADES CUBA, TELLS RUSS 'LAY OFF'

### Will Sink Ships That Won't Halt

### President's Cuba Stand Far-Reaching

By HAROLD STAMP

Special Staff Writer

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### Southeast Gears To War Pace



### President Acts Island's A-Missile Build-Up Cited

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### U.S. Aims To Back Speech

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# How long did the Cuban Missile Crisis Last?

- a) 13 years
- b) 13 days
- c) 13 months
- d) 13 hours





# Nuclear War...?



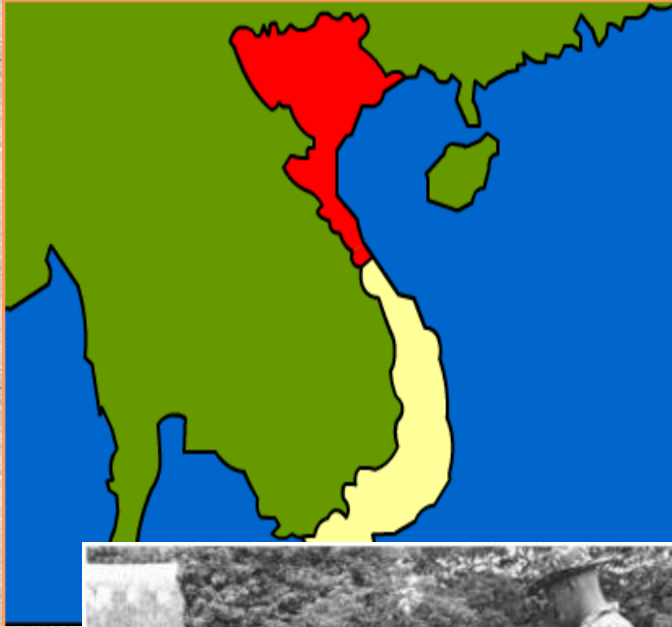
- Bay of Pigs
- Khrushchev sends nuclear missiles to Cuba. Now the U.S is within range!
- We had nuclear missiles in Turkey within reach of Soviet Union.



# Which of the following is true about the Cuban Missile Crisis?

- a) Cuban Ships were sank by Russia.
- b) It was the end of the Cold War.
- c) It was the closest the world has come to a nuclear war!

# The War against communism in Vietnam



- Meanwhile, things were still a mess in Vietnam. Remember, governments in the North and South were fighting for power. North Vietnam was backed by communist China and communist Russia; we were sending aid to South Vietnam. The North seemed to be winning . If we wanted to see the communists defeated we would have to send more money and more supplies and more experts to train the South Vietnamese. So JFK sent the first American troops (called “advisers”) to Vietnam.
- By 1963 we had 11,000 **military advisers** in Vietnam; we were spending a million and a half dollars a day supporting that war.

# Why were we involved in Vietnam?

- a) Because they were Communists and the Truman Doctrine said we would help any nation fighting against Communism.
- b) Because we wanted their land to put a military base.
- c) Because they needed help fighting against the Nazis.
- d) I don't know, can you tell me again? I promise to listen this time!



# Almost Done...

Exit ticket:

- Homework:
- Chapters 41 & 42
- NO CLASSES TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY ( unless otherwise scheduled on your schedule)
- Many of you need to catch up on last week's work!