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Kennedy and the Cold War

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1. What was the mood of the voters in the United States during the campaign for the 1960 Presidential election?

2. How different was the position of the candidates?

3. What was the impact of televised debates on the campaign?

4. How did John Kennedy’s involvement in the arrest and sentencing of Martin Luther King Jr.’s impact the 1960 election?

5. How did the American public respond to the Kennedy family and to Kennedy’s election to the White House? Why did they refer to the Kennedy White House as “Camelot”?

6. Who were the “Best and the Brightest”?

7. What is “flexible response”? Why is it different than containment or brinksmanship as a military policy?

8. What is the cause of the Cuban Missile Crisis?

9. What was the Bay of Pigs? What was its goal?

10. What agreement was reached that allowed the US and Cuba to stand down from the Missile Crisis?

11. Why did Khrushchev build a wall in the middle of Berlin? Why did this create a crisis between the US and USSR?

12. What were two ways that the two super powers worked to reduce tensions between them?