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This is President John Kennedy with his son, John Jr.

John Jr. is under the President's desk. He was born November 25, 1960. (Everyone thought he would be a president in training). He was the next John F. Kennedy and that was the truth! Three weeks before he was born his father was elected president and the nation loved little John.

John F. Kennedy, the President, was born on May 29, 1917 in Brookline MA. Kennedy's first child was named Caroline. She was born in 1957. His second child John Jr. was born a few days after his father won the presidency.

President Kennedy's third child Patrick died two days after he was born in 1963. But do you want to hear something weird? That was the same year his dad was assassinated - really weird right? John was assassinated on November 22, 1963, but you will learn more about that later!

Being President for John F. Kennedy meant that he was busy working all the time because he worked for long hours. He woke up at seven and usually did not go to bed until eleven or twelve at night. He read six newspapers while eating breakfast, had meetings with other people throughout the day, and read reports from his advisers.

This is one tough job, being a President!

John F. Kennedy wanted to make sure that he made the best decisions for his country. It was a time when he, and his country, had serious problems. Probably the biggest problem of all was racial discrimination. The US Supreme had ruled in 1954 that segregation in public schools would no longer be allowed, but things did not move very quickly to fix that problem.

The President was assassinated in Dallas Texas, on November 22, 1963 as he rode through Dealey Plaza. By the fall of 1963 he was no longer alive. Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who killed the President, was gunned down by Jack Ruby two days later. It was a sad time for everyone who loved John.

The bullet badly wounded the President and that was the cause of his death. He was the 35th president of the United States and the fourth to be assassinated.

That's a lot, right?

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Questions 2 Ponder

Long live John F. Kennedy!

When John Kennedy was America's President, he had a lot of work to do, right? What do you think was his hardest job?

Would you want to be President? Why? Do you think it's a job worth going after? Why?

Media Stream



John F. Kennedy, Jr. - Playing in the Resolute Desk

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