

11001

ERA 1–10 (BEGINNINGS–PRESENT)

THEMES: AMERICAN IDENTITY, CULTURE, POLITICS AND
CITIZENSHIP, WAR AND DIPLOMACY

ON HISTORY

GUIDING QUESTIONS

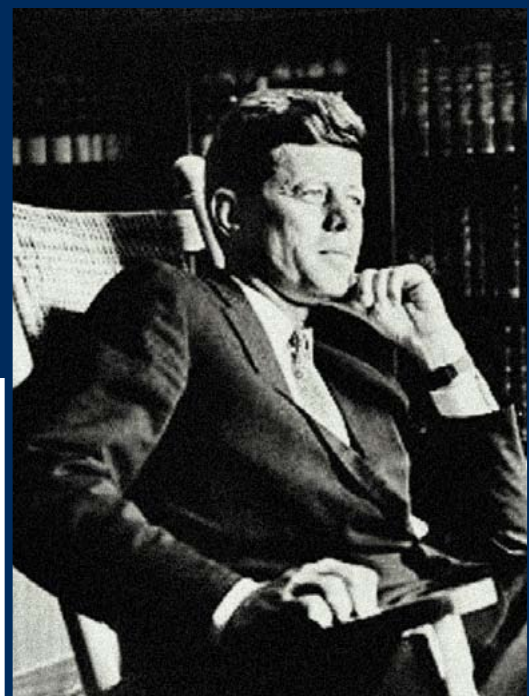
What is the relationship between historical events and the leaders of the time?

How does time change our views of various historical events and leaders?

Can history ever really be viewed objectively?

QUESTION FOCUS EXAMPLES FOR TASK 24

History matters.



John F. Kennedy

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER

Kennedy's comments, written almost 50 years ago, pertain not only to the time period in which he was leading the nation, but to all the historical eras of American History. It's interesting to explore the relationship between the leaders of the time and the events of the time, analyzing what polarizing presidents said before, during, and at the end of their time as leader of the United States. Although this collection includes speeches from Washington, Lincoln, Nixon, Reagan, and Obama, the words and actions of any historical figure—president or otherwise—could be analyzed in light of Kennedy's observations. Kennedy's passage could be used to begin and to end any history course.

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