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THE SIXTH FLOOR
MUSEUM
AT DEALEY PLAZA



Student Gallery Guide

Welcome to The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza's permanent exhibition,
John F. Kennedy and the Memory of a Nation.

Use information provided in the audio tour as well as on exhibition wall panels to answer the questions below.

A NEW GENERATION / THE 1960 CAMPAIGN

1. What did John F. Kennedy mean when he talked about a "New Frontier"?



THE KENNEDY WHITE HOUSE

2. Why were many Americans fascinated by the Kennedy White House?



ECONOMIC & SOCIAL PROGRAMS

3. List TWO government programs introduced by President Kennedy:

- _____
- _____

TURMOIL AT HOME / THE RED THREAT / THE SPACE RACE



The 1960s were difficult and confusing times. The Kennedy administration faced many challenges.

Examine the Turmoil at Home, Red Threat and Space Race Panels.

4. If you were President Kennedy, which of the following would have been your TOP priority (place a check next to your choice)?

- The Peace Corps
- War on Crime (the Mafia)
- Growing Left and Right Wing Extremism
- Civil Rights Movement
- The Red Threat/Communism
- The Space Race

Why would this issue have been most important to you?



THE KENNEDY FAMILY

5. In what ways was John F. Kennedy's family SIMILAR to your family or families you have known?

In what ways was John F. Kennedy's family DIFFERENT from your family or families you have known?

THE TRIP TO TEXAS

6. Why did President Kennedy come to Texas in 1963? (In other words, what was he trying to accomplish?)



RECEPTION IN DALLAS

7. Why were some people concerned for the president's safety?

RECEPTION IN DALLAS, cont'd



President Kennedy was both welcomed and criticized during his visit to Texas. Look carefully at the documents and photographs on the Reception in Dallas panel.

8. Find one newspaper or photograph that **WELCOMED** President Kennedy.

- What is the document or photograph? _____
- What clues tell you it is welcoming? _____

Find one newspaper or photograph that was **CRITICAL** of President Kennedy.

- What is the document or photograph? _____
- What clues tell you it is critical? _____

THE RACE TO PARKLAND / FIRST REPORTS

9. Who else—other than President Kennedy—was injured in the shooting?

10. Examine the Associated Press teletype machine that sent out some of the first reports of the shooting. If the assassination happened today, how would most people learn about it?



THE CORNER WINDOW

The Dallas Police Department investigated the crime scene and took photographs. Look carefully at the crime scene photos on The Corner Window panel and the recreated Sniper's Perch behind the glass walls.



11. What evidence was found in the sniper's perch?

As an investigator, where would you dust for fingerprints?

THE WITNESSES



This panel identifies 23 witnesses who testified about what they saw and heard when President Kennedy was shot. Based on where each witness was standing and other details, answer the following questions:

12. If you were an investigator assigned to the Kennedy assassination, which one witness would you want to speak with the MOST?

Why?

A SUSPECT APPREHENDED / PANDEMONIUM & THE PRESS

13. What were three pieces of evidence used to link Lee Harvey Oswald to President Kennedy's assassination?

- _____
- _____
- _____

14. What happened to suspect Lee Harvey Oswald as police were taking him to headquarters on Sunday, November 24, 1963?



THE NATION AND THE WORLD RESPOND / A TIME TO MOURN

15. What was the world-wide response to President Kennedy's death?



Why do you think people around the world reacted the way they did?

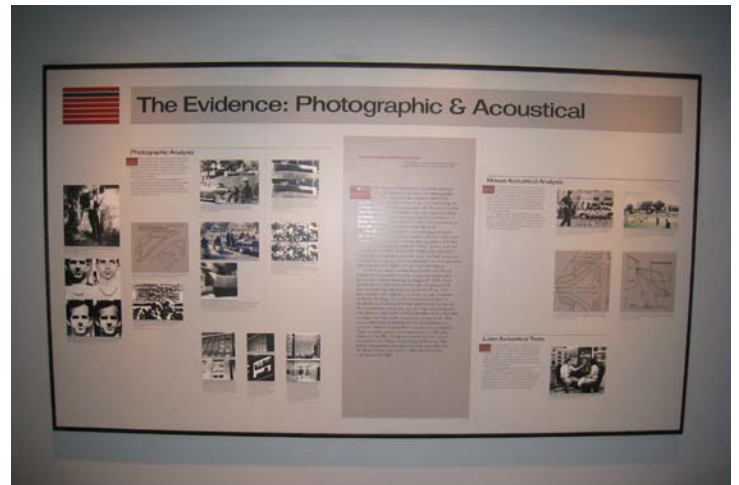


16. Which of the following is TRUE about the 1964 Warren Commission Report on the assassination: (circle your answer)?

- a. The Commission concluded that three shots were fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.
- b. The Commission found that Governor Connally and President Kennedy were hit by the same bullet.
- c. The Commission determined that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.
- d. The Commission was created by President Lyndon B. Johnson.
- e. All of the above are TRUE.

17. In what one major way did 1979 The House Select Committee's findings DIFFER from the Warren Commission's Report?

18. If you were one of the lawyers prosecuting President Kennedy's alleged assassin, which **THREE** pieces of evidence would you use against the defendant? Why?



The Evidence You Would Use?	Why?

CONSPIRACY

19. Why do you think many people believe President Kennedy's death was part of a conspiracy (a secret plot carried out by multiple people)?



Education in Action's Lone Star Leadership Academy

20. What do you think is the best tribute (way of showing respect) to President Kennedy?



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