



THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM  
AT DEALEY PLAZA

## GALLERY GUIDE | HIGH SCHOOL

*JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THE MEMORY OF A NATION*



1960 Campaign Button

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### DIRECTIONS

Use this gallery guide to help you explore the Sixth Floor. Answer the questions based on what you learn as you visit each panel of narratives, facts, photographs and artifacts that help tell President Kennedy's story.

The section headings match the exhibit panel titles where you can find the answers to each question.

## THE SIXTH FLOOR

**1 |** Imagine you are Luke Mooney, the officer inspecting the 6th floor of the Texas School Book Depository after the assassination. What immediately comes to mind about this space?

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## THE 1960 CAMPAIGN

**2 |** Who was the Democratic Vice President candidate in 1960?

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**3 |** What benefits did the vice-presidential candidate bring to the Kennedy Campaign?

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**4 |** Who was Kennedy's opponent in the 1960 presidential election?

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**5 |** How many more votes did Senator Kennedy receive above Vice President Nixon in the 1960 election?

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## ECONOMIC & SOCIAL PROGRAMS

**6 |** What is the Peace Corps?

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## TURMOIL AT HOME

**7 |** How did President Kennedy acknowledge and move the country forward during the Civil Rights Movement?

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## THE RED THREAT

**8 |** How did the Cold War impact the United States' relationships around the world?

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## THE KENNEDYS

**9 |** Name two members of Kennedy's family who were involved in politics. What were their political positions?

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## THE TRIP TO TEXAS

**10 |** What was the purpose of President Kennedy's November 1963 Trip to Texas?

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## RECEPTION IN DALLAS

**11 |** How was President Kennedy greeted when he arrived in Dallas?

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**12 |** How did some Texans express their criticism of President John F. Kennedy during his November 1963 visit to Texas?

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**13 |** What last minute change to the presidential limousine impacted security?

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Bill Beal, photographer, *Dallas Times Herald* Collection / The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

## FIRST REPORT

**14 |** What CBS television show did Walter Cronkite interrupt to announce the shooting of President Kennedy?

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## THE RACE TO PARKLAND

**15 |** Why did the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination legally fall to the Dallas Police Department and not federal agencies like the Secret Service or the FBI?

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## THE CORNER WINDOW

**16 |** What types of evidence were collected from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository?

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## THE OATH OF OFFICE

**17 |** What federal judge administered the oath of office to President Lyndon B. Johnson on Air Force One?

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## THE EVIDENCE: FORENSIC AND BALLISTIC

**18 |** What was the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, also known as the Warren Commission?

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## THE CLOCK: THE ZAPRUDER FILM

**19 |** What conclusion was the Warren Commission able to establish in part by studying the Zapruder film?

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## CRISIS HOUR

**20 |** Where was Lee Harvey Oswald arrested?

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**21 |** What did Jack Ruby do to Lee Harvey Oswald?

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## OSWALD'S WEDDING RING

**22 |** Where did Lee Harvey Oswald leave his wedding ring the morning of November 22, 1963?

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## THE TIPPIT MURDER

**23 |** Who was J.D. Tippit and how is he connected to the assassination of President Kennedy?

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## PANDEMONIUM AND THE PRESS

**24 |** How was news coverage impacted the weekend of November 22–25, 1963?

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## THE INVESTIGATIONS

**25 |** Does most of the public accept the Warren Commission's findings today?  
Why or why not?

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**26 |** What were some key differences between the House Select Committee on Assassinations findings and the Warren Commissions findings?

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## CONSPIRACY THEORIES

**27 |** Select one of the conspiracy theories discussed on the panel. What do you think about this theory?  
Explain your answer.

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## TRIBUTES AND LEGACY

**28 |** How does the legacy of President Kennedy impact society today? Why?

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President John F. Kennedy in the Oval Office of the White House  
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