

# Alternate Reality Web quest: What If JFK Had Lived?

This activity was designed to accompany the History's Mysteries  
Graded Reader, *The Assassination of JFK: 11/22/63*

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## **Introduction:**

Welcome, time travelers! In this web quest, you will explore an alternate reality where President John F. Kennedy survived the assassination attempt on November 22, 1963. Your task is to investigate the potential implications and consequences of JFK's continued presidency, considering how history might have unfolded differently.

## **Task:**

Your mission is to envision and analyze the hypothetical scenario in which JFK survived the assassination attempt and remained in office. You will explore various aspects of his presidency, both domestically and internationally, and assess the potential impact on American society, politics, and global affairs.

## **Process:**

Begin by researching the key events leading up to the assassination attempt on JFK's life. Explore the political climate of the early 1960s, JFK's policies and initiatives, and the challenges he faced as president.

Imagine that JFK survived the assassination attempt and continued his presidency. Consider how his leadership style, decision-making process, and policy priorities might have evolved in the aftermath of the assassination attempt.

Investigate the potential implications of JFK's continued presidency on major domestic issues, such as civil rights, the economy, healthcare, and education. How might his policies have differed from those of his successors, and what impact would they have had on American society?

Examine the potential consequences of JFK's continued presidency on

international relations and foreign policy. How might his approach to the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and other global conflicts have differed from subsequent administrations?

Reflect on the broader implications of JFK's survival for American politics and society. Consider how his continued presence in the White House might have influenced the trajectory of the civil rights movement, the space race, and other significant events of the 1960s and beyond.

**Resources:**

[John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum](#)

[American Experience JFK by PBS \(YouTube\)](#)

[History.com: John F. Kennedy](#)

*JFK: An Unfinished Life* by Robert Dallek

*Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy

**Evaluation:**

Your analysis will be evaluated based on the depth of your research, the creativity of your ideas, and the clarity of your presentation. Make sure to support your arguments with evidence and consider the potential counterfactuals and alternative perspectives.

**Conclusion:**

Congratulations, time travelers, on completing your exploration of the alternate reality where JFK survived the assassination attempt! By envisioning different possibilities and analyzing their potential consequences, you have gained valuable insights into the complex interplay of history, politics, and human decision-making. Remember, the exploration of “what if” scenarios allows us to better understand the past and envision a more informed future.

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