

The Legacy of John F. Kennedy

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1. Why was Kennedy's first year in office a 'disaster'?
2. What was perhaps his greatest accomplishment and why?
3. In regard to the USSR, civil rights, etc -- why didn't he get most of them into law?

Who did? Why and how?

4. Why did JFK seem 'built for the age of television'?
5. How did grace and education contribute and/or exemplify his administration?
6. How was Kennedy's father important to his career?
7. What did biographer Hamilton believe was missing from Kennedy?
8. How is Kennedy now an 'optical illusion'?
9. What made DC 'come alive' under Kennedy?
10. What was the 'Grand Objective'? How was that a problem?
11. How do historians view JFK vs how regular people see him?
12. How did Jackie inadvertently (or not) label the era as Camelot?
13. How (and when) was Kennedy turned into a national obsession?
14. Do Americans accept the findings of the Warren Committee? **EXPLAIN**
15. What are some common conspiracy theories?

Which can be backed up with solid evidence?

16. Why do many still view the Kennedy administration as potentially transformative?
17. Why should you know the author of this article?