

Lesson Plan

Fact Finders

Book: *John F. Kennedy*

Series: Influential Presidents

Level: Beacon

Objective

To help students practice using a glossary and index to answer questions about a nonfiction book.

Supplies

- *John F. Kennedy* book
- Fact Finders Worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Read through the *John F. Kennedy* book, or assign it to students to read on their own. Print a Fact Finders Worksheet for each student.

Activity

Open the book to pages 6 and 7 and show those pages to the class. Invite a volunteer to name the three bolded words on these pages. (Answers: poverty, tyranny, era)

Explain that when a word is bolded, it can be found in the book's glossary. This page lists definitions for important words from the book. Turn to page 30 and choose another volunteer to read the definition for one of the terms from page 6 or 7.

Then, turn to page 32. Explain that this page includes an index. The index tells readers the page numbers where they can find information about certain topics in the book.

Pass out the Fact Finders Worksheet. For Part I, students should use the glossary to find a definition for each term. Then, students can use the index to find answers for the questions in Part II.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of class. Give students 1 point for each correct answer, for up to 12 points total.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 3 (RI 3.1, 3.5), and language standards, grade 3 (L 3.4).

Fact Finders Worksheet

Part I: Use the glossary to fill out the definitions.

1. A _____ is a discussion about different ways to deal with an issue.
2. A _____ is the amount of time a person can serve after being elected.
3. _____ are nations or people that are on the same side.
4. A _____ is a person who speaks on behalf of a larger group.
5. What does the term *tyranny* mean?
6. What does the term *economic* mean?
7. What does the term *civil rights* mean?
8. What does the term *legacy* mean?

Part II: Use the index to find the answers to the following questions.

1. What year did the Vietnam War begin?
2. Who was Lyndon B. Johnson?
3. What year was Kennedy elected to the US Senate?
4. What was Kennedy's goal for the space program?

Fact Finders Worksheet **ANSWER KEY**

Part I: Use the glossary to fill out the definitions.

1. A debate is a discussion about different ways to deal with an issue.
2. A term is the amount of time a person can serve after being elected.
3. Allies are nations or people that are on the same side.
4. A representative is a person who speaks on behalf of a larger group.
5. What does the term *tyranny* mean?
When a government uses its power in a cruel way.
6. What does the term *economic* mean?
Having to do with the system of goods, services, money, and jobs in a certain place.
7. What does the term *civil rights* mean?
Rights that protect people's freedom and equality.
8. What does the term *legacy* mean?
The things a person becomes known for.

Part II: Use the index to find the answers to the following questions.

1. What year did the Vietnam War begin?
1954 (p. 18)
2. Who was Lyndon B. Johnson?
He became the new president after Kennedy was killed (p. 26).
3. What year was Kennedy elected to his second term in the US Senate?
1958 (p. 13)
4. What was Kennedy's goal for the space program?
He wanted to send a person to the moon (p. 19).