**President John Kennedy’s Assassination**

**Questions Matrix**

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| **Before Reading** |  |
| **Who?** | Who would want to assassinate President Kennedy? Who had the capability and skill to accomplish it? |
| **What?** | What was going on in America, both known and unknown, at the time that would increase Kennedy’s odds of being assassinated? Compared to today’s upheaval, was the political and social climate so different? |
| **Where?** | Where was Kennedy killed? Where is Lee Harvey Oswald from? Where is President Johnson from? |
| **When?** | When was Kennedy killed? Date and time? |
| **Why?** | Why would someone want to assassinate President Kennedy? |
| **How?** | How was President Kennedy killed? What form of weapon? Logistics? |

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| **During Reading** |  |
| **Who?** | Who had the most to gain from President Kennedy’s death? Who resented Kennedy the most for political or religious reasons? |
| **What?** | What were Kennedy’s associations with the Communists and Cubans, the Mafia, and political enemies? What made Kennedy such a popular president, yet he was the most recent one who was killed? |
| **Where?** | Where was the assassin’s location? What was the route that the motorcade took? What was the angle and proximity of the assassin’s location to the president’s location? Where was the president taken immediately after the shooting? |
| **When?** | When did Oswald begin planning the assassination? When was Kennedy pronounced dead? |
| **Why?** | Why do we still not know for sure why Oswald did it, and if he acted alone? Did the government or another entity put him there? |
| **How?** | How was the assassination done so efficiently? How many shots? How many assassins? |

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| **After Reading** |  |
| **Who?** | What happened to all the witnesses after the shooting? Do Robert Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe’s deaths have anything to do with President Kennedy’s assassination? |
| **What?** | What were the ramifications of Kennedy’s death? What would it be like if he was not killed? |
| **Where?** | Where is Kennedy buried? Where is Oswald buried? Where is Oswald’s wife? |
| **When?** | When are political figures most vulnerable? How can assassinations be prevented? When and how do Secret Service Agents prepare for protecting the president? |
| **Why?** | Why is there an eternal flame burning at his grave? Why are people still curious about his death and its circumstances? |
| **How?** | How can independent investigators answer questions to Kennedy’s assassination? With current technology, how can videos and reanimation answer many of the forensic questions that are still unanswered? |

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