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UNIT 2: MEN WHO MADE HISTORY: JFK

PART 1: A review on Martin Luther King

Before listening to this radio report, read the tasks that you have to do carefully (10 seconds). You'll hear this text twice. Of course you may take notes on an extra paper while listening. You have one minute to complete this task.

Add the American states to the cities, then write down in short what these cities had to do with Martin Luther King.

1 Atlanta, _____

2 Montgomery, _____

3 Washington, _____

4 Memphis, _____

PART TWO: JFK's political career

There are two exercises on this text.

Read these statements (30 seconds). Start the CD and listen to the text twice. Decide whether they are true, false or not in the text. You may take notes while listening.

	TRUE	FALSE	NOT IN TEXT
5 Kennedy became President of the United States in the mid-sixties.			
6 He was far more popular with the younger generation than with the older one.			
7 JFK was the first member of the Kennedy family who became president.			
8 He managed to stop the setting up of Russian rockets in Cuba.			
9 JFK became the youngest president of the US and followed General Eisenhower who was the oldest one.			
10 He also invaded Cuba and drove the Russians from the island.			
11 Kennedy fought for equal rights for the blacks and supported Martin Luther King.			

Now listen to this part of the text a second time. Read what you have to do first (15 seconds) and take notes on an extra sheet while listening.

Write down in note form

12 the message Kennedy had for his people.

13 two of his political aims.

14 what JFK did not succeed in.

PART THREE: The assassination

Before listening to the third part of the text look at the multiple choice exercises.(30 seconds) While listening decide which of the statements is correct. You are going to hear this part of the text twice.

15 President Kennedy arrived in Dallas, Texas

- ☐ a) by car.
- ☐ b) by plane.
- ☐ c) with the vice-president.
- ☐ d) alone.

16 Kennedy came to Texas

- ☐ a) on invitation of the Governor of Texas.
- ☐ b) because he had always wanted to see Dallas.
- ☐ c) to welcome the inhabitants of Texas.
- ☐ d) because it was part of his job as president.

17 The spectators showed that they loved Kennedy

- ☐ a) by standing along the streets.
- ☐ b) by wearing the Stars and Stripes.
- ☐ c) by listening to happy Dixieland music.
- ☐ d) by cheering and shouting when seeing him.

18 Just after the shots the president

- ☐ a) was protected by the Governor of Texas.
- ☐ b) was thrown out of the car.
- ☐ c) fell back into his seat.
- ☐ d) still shook hands with the crowd.

19 Which statement is true?

- ☐ a) The radio reporter heard the shots and saw the killer run away.
- ☐ b) The crowds were standing silently, not believing what they saw.
- ☐ c) The car couldn't move because the spectators blocked the road.
- ☐ d) The car with the president in it raced away along Elm Street