

Dynamic Listening Comprehension Unit 4 Chapter 2 (Video #8)

Kennedy and Lincoln

Red font indicates the stressed one-syllable words and the stressed syllable in words that have more than one syllable.

John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln lived in different times and had very different family and educational backgrounds. Kennedy lived in the 20th (twentieth) century; Lincoln lived in the 19th (nineteenth) century. Kennedy was born in 1917 (nineteen seventeen); whereas Lincoln was born more than a hundred years earlier, in 1809 (eighteen oh nine). As for their family backgrounds, Kennedy came from a rich family, but Lincoln's family was not wealthy. Because Kennedy came from a wealthy family, he was able to attend expensive private schools. He graduated from Harvard University. Lincoln, on the other hand, had only one year of formal schooling. In spite of his lack of formal schooling, he became a well-known lawyer. He taught himself law by reading law books. Lincoln was, in other words, a self-educated man.

In spite of these differences in Kennedy and Lincoln's backgrounds, some interesting similarities between the two men are evident. In fact, books have been written about the strange coincidences in the lives of these two men. For example, take their political careers. Lincoln began his political career as a congressman. Similarly, Kennedy also began his political career as a congressman. Lincoln was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1847 and Kennedy was elected to the House in 1947. They went to Congress just 100 years apart. Another interesting coincidence is that each man was elected president of the United States in a year ending with the number 60. Lincoln was elected president in 1860, and Kennedy was elected in 1960. Furthermore, both men were president during years of civil unrest in the country. Lincoln was president during the American Civil War. During Kennedy's term of office, civil unrest took the form of civil rights demonstrations.

Another striking similarity between the two men was that, as you probably know, neither president lived to complete his term in office. Lincoln and Kennedy were both assassinated while in office. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, after only 1,000 days in office. Lincoln was assassinated in 1865 a few days after the end of the American Civil War. It is rather curious to note that both presidents were shot while they were sitting next to their wives.

These are only a few examples of the uncanny, or unusual, similarities in the destinies of these two Americans--men who had a tremendous impact on the social and political life in the United States and the imagination of the American people.

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Kennedy and Lincoln ERROR CORRECTION

Types of errors: articles (*a, an, the*), verb tense, verb forms, active voice or passive voice, singular/plural, parts of speech (for example, using a noun when an adjective is necessary—for example, *safety* or *safe*?)

These types of errors are the ones that students make most commonly in their writing and speaking.

Try to find all the errors by reading, then listen to the lecture again and try to hear the differences between what the speaker says and what is written in this text that needs to be corrected. There is one error in each sentence.

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14. For example, take there political careers.
15. Lincoln was begun his political career as a congressman.

17. Similarly, Kennedy also began his political career as congressman.
18. Lincoln elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1847 and Kennedy was elected to the House in 1947.
19. They went to Congress just 100 year apart.
20. Another interested coincidence is that each man was elected president of the United States in a year ending with the number 60.
21. Lincoln was elected president in 1860, and Kennedy was elected in 1860.
22. Furthermore, both men were president while years of civil unrest in the country.
23. Lincoln was president during American Civil War.
24. During Kennedy's term of office, civil unrest was taken the form of civil rights demonstrations.
25. Other striking similarity between the two men was that, as you probably know, neither president lived to complete his term in office.
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Separation of Powers

Powers of Government		Japan		USA	
		1	elected executive	Prime Minister 総理大臣	
2	elected legislature	Diet 議会		Congress 議会	
		Upper House 参議院	Lower House 衆議院	Senate	House of Representatives
3	appointed judiciary	judge, jury, defense attorney, prosecutor		judge, jury, defense attorney, prosecutor	

assassinate

暗殺する

schooling

education

coincidence

偶然 two things happen at the same time or in the same way

term in office

time as president

civil unrest

war, civil war, protests, demonstrations and so on

uncanny

unusual, strange

conspiracy theory

陰謀論 a theory about more than one person planning to do something together

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- (10) **the form of civil rights** demonstrations.

P. 56 - Comprehension questions

1. In what century was Lincoln born?
2. Why was Kennedy able to attend expensive private schools?
3. For how many years did Lincoln attend school?
4. How did Lincoln get most of his education?
5. How did both Kennedy and Lincoln begin their political careers?
6. When was Kennedy elected president?
7. During which American war was Lincoln president?
8. How did both Kennedy and Lincoln die?
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Dynamic Listening Comprehension
Chapter 8 - Comparison of Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy

Your notes of a comparison type of lecture could be presented in a table like the one below.

While you look at this table, give a spoken summary of the lecture that explains the points in these notes.

Introduction:

	Lincoln	Kennedy
era	mid-19 th . century	mid-20 th century
wealthy	no	yes
education	self-educated to become a lawyer	the best private schools, Harvard University
career	elected to Congress 13 years before becoming president (1847/1861)	<i>(similar: 1947/1961)</i>
issues of his presidency	civil unrest: president during the Civil War - Blacks struggled for equality, end of slavery	civil unrest: president during civil rights demonstrations - Blacks struggled for equality <i>(similar)</i>
tragedy	assassinated while president, killed while sitting beside his wife	<i>same</i>

Extra: Lincoln was killed in the Ford Theater. Kennedy was killed in a car called Ford Lincoln.

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Complete this table with the information you heard in the lecture.

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	?	<u>Lincoln</u>	<u>Kennedy</u>	<u>different, exactly the same, or only similar?</u>
1	era, time			
2	wealthy			
3	education			
4	career			
5	issues of his presidency			
6	tragedy			

Pay attention to parts of speech (verbs, nouns, adverbs and adjectives), and think about how you form your sentences. For example, look at these three ways to say the same thing:

1. The two types of dogs are **different**. (adjective)
2. The two types of dogs have many **differences** between them. (noun). There are many **differences** between them.
3. The two types of dogs differ in many ways. (verb)

be alike

differences between

similarities between

both men

both ___ and ____

both

in contrast, on the other hand, while

another difference

... er than, more ___ than

differ (v.) difference (n.) different (adj.)

resemble (v.)

similar (adj.) similarity (n.)

Present the information in these four parts

1. Introduction
2. Similarities
3. Differences

Conclusion