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**Multiple Choice Questions for JFK Speech**

1. What is the author’s main purpose in writing the speech?
2. To offer the audience an explanation of the reasons for accelerating the United States space program
3. To update the audience with information about problems in the United States space program
4. To inform the audience of the number of jobs created by the expansion of the United States space program
5. To tell the audience of the economic benefits of the United States space program
6. Which statement **best** explains how the author’s use of the word “first” to describe the United States influences to the reader?
7. The word makes the reader skeptical of the President’s ability to implement space exploration
8. The word makes the reader believe that the President needs additional money to implement the plan for space exploration
9. The word makes the reader embarrassed that other countries have already put into place their plan for space exploration.
10. The word makes the reader feel a sense of competition against other countries for space exploration
11. What does the word comparable mean as used in this speech?
12. An option
13. A match for
14. Not always accurate
15. Never before experienced
16. Reread the sentence from the speech.

“We set sail on this new sea because there is new knowledge to be gained, and new rights to be won, and they must be won and used for the progress of all people.”

What does President Kennedy imply with this statement?

1. The United States has the skill and resources to succeed in the space race
2. The United States would use what it gained in the space race to benefit humanity
3. The United States is interested in taking part in the space race to gain knowledge about other planets
4. The United States would overcome enemies through the advancements offered by the space race
5. Which statement from the speech best supports the generalization made by William Bradford that “all great and honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties”?
6. “We have felt the ground shake and the air shattered by the testing of a Saturn C-1 booster rocket…”
7. “Transit satellites are helping our ships at sea to steer a safer course.”
8. “We have had our failures, but so have others, even if they do not admit them.”
9. “The growth of our science and education will be enriched by new knowledge of our universe and environment.”
10. How does the speech form influence the meaning of the passage?
11. It emphasizes the call to action by the speaker
12. It emphasizes the historical context to be explained by the listener
13. It emphasizes the obstacles that lie ahead to be discussed
14. It emphasizes the acknowledgement of past experiences
15. What is the impact of the first person plural point of view in this speech?
16. It promotes a sense of unity with the audience
17. It demonstrates an understanding of the audience
18. It expresses a feeling of responsibility
19. It emphasizes a difference of opinion
20. Read the sentence from the speech.

“Those who came before us made certain that this country rode the first waves of the industrial revolution, the first waves of modern invention, and the first wave of nuclear power, and this generation does not intend to founder in the backwash of the coming age of space.”

Why is the propaganda technique used in this sentence effective?

1. It persuades the reader to ask for more help from other countries in future space exploration programs
2. It convinces the reader to support this country’s continued efforts in being a forerunner in all scientific endeavors
3. It persuades the reader to want to save money on future scientific projects in this country
4. It convinces the reader to support other countries’ efforts towards space exploration

***Prompt for JFK Speech***

Analyze how the facts used in this speech contribute to President Kennedy’s objective. Use examples from the speech to support your analysis.

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