



Inaugural Address

John F. Kennedy

Answers	Standards
<p>1. (a) Kennedy is suggesting that it is both a world with great power and one still struggling to ensure that everyone has certain fundamental rights. He says that people now have the ability to “abolish all forms of human poverty and all forms of human life.” He also says that “the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe.” He says that this belief is that “the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”</p> <p>(b) I can infer that Kennedy supports the role of the United Nations, referring to it as “our last best hope,” and believes that the United States should support it. I can also infer that Kennedy believes that the United Nations is in danger of becoming a place where countries just argue—“a forum for invective”—and that the support of the United States can help the organization be successful.</p>	RI.9-10.1
<p>2. Kennedy begins each paragraph with the wording “Let both sides.” After each repetition he describes actions that world leaders can take to resolve conflict and work together. The repetition emphasizes the idea of cooperation and helps support Kennedy’s purpose of persuading people to help resolve the conflict around communism by showing that it is possible for both sides to work together rather than against each other.</p>	RI.9-10.6

