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MtCT Questions: Chapter 10 – Bearing the Burden: John F. Kennedy and the Communist Menace

Answer the following questions with a paragraph or two worth of content. Up to 5 pts extra credit for satisfying answers to all questions.

1. What primary problems do historians make when evaluating Kennedy’s foreign policies?

2. What did the administration think of the Soviet Union? What drove these perceptions?

3. Why was President Kennedy so adamant about defeating the Soviet Union and communism in the 3rd world? Consider political climate (Kennedy’s past and present) and his personal upbringing.

4. Why did the Kennedy administration believe they not could, but would defeat communism in the 3rd world and be successful at “nation-building”?

4a. What went wrong with nation-building?

**The Big Question: From a historical perspective, should the Kennedy Administration be given praise, scorn, or somewhere in between, for aggressively confronting communist Soviet Union and communism in the 3rd world? Explain.**