Answer Key Jackie Kennedy

1. **RI.2**

PART A: Which statement identifies the central idea of the text?

* 1. Jackie was the first First Lady to consider her position a job and to work towards creating social and political change.
  2. **Jackie made the role of First Lady something of a celebrity status, and was the beginning of a trend in which the public and media paid close attention to First Ladies.**
  3. The media and public became extremely interested in Jackie’s life following her various personal tragedies and the violent death of her husband.
  4. Since Jackie, the public has encouraged First Ladies to take on superficial tasks, such as being fashionable and hosting parties.

1. **RI.1**

PART B: Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A?

* 1. “Despite their struggles, the picturesque portrait of the family persisted in the public's mind, and John F. Kennedy became a very popular politician.” (Paragraph 5)
  2. “She dedicated much of her time to being a patron to the arts and hosted many social events, bringing politicians and artists together.” (Paragraph 6)
  3. “There were many photos of a bloodsoaked Jackie Kennedy desperately trying to aid her wounded husband.” (Paragraph 10)
  4. **“The 1960s had begun to usher in a new era of televised culture, and Jackie Kennedy was the First Lady to experience media scrutiny on a scale never witnessed before.” (Paragraph 15)**

1. **RI.6**

Which of the following describes the author’s purpose in the text?

* 1. to show how the media was wrong for broadcasting Jackie’s life and personal struggles
  2. to argue that the Jackie that people saw on television wasn’t the real Jackie
  3. **to explore America’s intrigue with Jackie and how she impacted the role of First Lady**
  4. to provide information about what is expected of First Ladies and how Jackie measured up

1. **RI.5**

How does paragraph 5 contribute to our understanding of Jackie and John F. Kennedy as people?

* 1. It stresses how resilient Jackie and John F. Kennedy were in the face of various obstacles.
  2. It shows how difficult it was for Jackie and John F. Kennedy while he was running for President.
  3. **It emphasizes how different Jackie and John F. Kennedy’s lives were from the image they projected.**
  4. It suggests that Jackie and John F. Kennedy were truly unhappy with their relationship and life together.

1. **RI.3**

How do you think Jackie’s lifestyle growing up impacted her time as First Lady?

* 1. **Answers will vary; students should discuss how a majority of Jackie’s life growing up was in the public eye, even before she met John F. Kennedy. Already used to having her movements watched by the press, Jackie made constructing and maintaining her public image an important part of her time as First Lady. Students should discuss Jackie’s youth, during which, “… she debuted in Manhattan, she was considered one of the most promising debutantes of the season” (Paragraph 2). Additionally, the author describes Jackie as “…popular in both New York and Washington high society” (Paragraph 2). Both of these details show that Jackie was used to, and good at, presenting herself in public. Next, students should discuss how Jackie’s presence in the press and media translated to her time at the White House, as “She was the first presidential wife to hire a press secretary, and she carefully cultivated her relationship with the press and media” (Paragraph 6). Spending her earlier years in the public eye likely influenced Jackie’s views on the importance of maintaining a good public image and made it a significant aspect of her time at the White House.**