

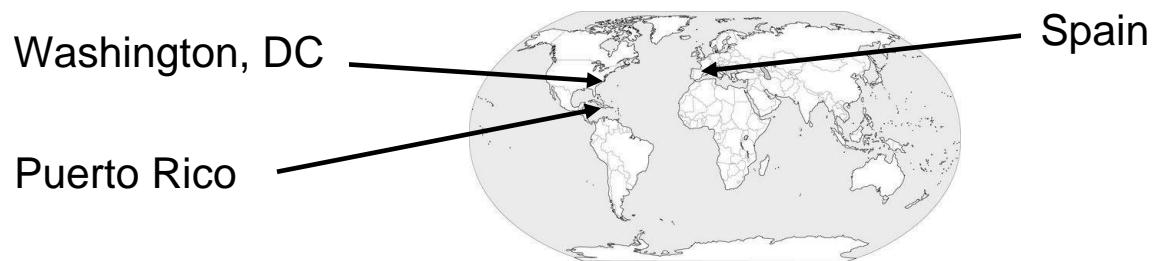
Answer Key

A Night to Remember: The Kennedys Honor the Governor of Puerto Rico with an Historic Concert

- P. 2 What evidence can you find that shows the letter is from the governor of Puerto Rico?
The return address: "Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Office of the Governor." The postmark indicates San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Do you think Muñoz Marín accepted the invitation? Why? (*Opinion. Suggested answer: Yes, he would be honored to visit the President of the United States.*)

- P. 3 Can you find Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, and Spain on the map?



- P. 4 When was the letter written? *October 10, 1961*
What is the President inviting Casals to do? *To give a concert at the White House on November 13, 1961.*
What compliment is given in the letter? *"You are one of the world's greatest artists."*
Do you think Mr. Casals accepted the invitation? (*Opinion*)
Why do you think he had Mr. Fortes deliver the letter in person? *By having the letter delivered in person, President Kennedy showed the importance of the invitation. It is more difficult to say no to a person than to respond "no" to a letter.*
- P. 5 Read Casals's letter to find out if he accepted the Kennedys' invitation. What evidence can you find that explains Casals's decision? *The fourth and fifth paragraphs show Casals's reasons for accepting the invitation:*
"I know that your aim is to work for peace based on justice, understanding and freedom for all mankind. These ideals have always been my ideals and have determined the most important decisions – and the most painful renunciations—of my life."

“Your generous foreign aid programs and your many welfare plans all prove your practical idealism and have already given hope to those who yearn for liberty.”

- P. 6 What evidence can you find that shows this was a special occasion for an important guest? *The guests are in the White House in formal dress. There are military aides and two men in uniform are holding flags.*
- P. 7 What instrument did each musician play in the concert? *Casals played cello, Horszowski played piano (instrument not pictured), and Schneider played violin. Casals is 84 years old – almost 85.*
- P. 8 Can you find Governor Muñoz Marín and his wife? *Muñoz Marín is to Kennedy’s right. His wife is to Kennedy’s left but is partially hidden by Casals.*
- P. 9 When was the letter written? *November 27, 1961*
When was it received? *November 29, 1961*
To whom is it written? *President Kennedy*
Who wrote the letter? *Luis Muñoz Marín*
What is the purpose of the letter? *To express appreciation for the dinner and concert and for “rendering honor to the good people of Puerto Rico.”*
- P. 10 When was the letter written? *November 17, 1961*
When was it received? *November 21, 1961*
To whom is it written? *President Kennedy*
Who wrote the letter? *Pablo Casals*
What does the letter reveal about the author? *Casals was appreciative of President and Mrs. Kennedy’s welcome. He believes in peace and freedom.*
- P. 11 Can you identify the four people in the photograph on the right? *(L.to.R) Governor of Puerto Rico Luis Muñoz Marín, President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, First Lady of Puerto Rico Inés Mendoza.*
- p. 12 Why do you think it was a night to remember? *(Opinion) Suggested responses: Many musicians, leaders, artists, and writers were brought together to honor peace and freedom. The President and Mrs. Kennedy honored Governor of Puerto Rico Luis Muñoz Marín and his wife Inés Mendoza by inviting Pablo Casals to perform a concert. For the first time in 57 years, Casals played in the White House.*