

UNIT 7 QUICK SHEET – THE 1950s

IDENTIFICATIONS

1. Cold War
2. Iron curtain
3. Containment
4. Long telegram
5. Truman Doctrine
6. Marshall Plan
7. Berlin Airlift
8. NATO
9. Warsaw Pact
10. Arms race
11. Massive retaliation
12. Brinkmanship
13. H-bomb
14. Fallout shelter
15. Korean War
16. DMZ
17. SEATO
18. *Sputnik*
19. Space race
20. NASA
21. Central Intelligence Agency
22. U-2 Affair
23. McCarran Act
24. Alger Hiss
25. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
26. McCarthyism
27. HUAC
28. Hollywood Ten
29. Truman's Fair Deal
30. Taft-Hartley Act
31. GI Bill
32. Executive Order 9981
33. Federal Highway Act
34. Franchise
35. White-collar
36. Conformity
37. *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*
38. Baby boom
39. Levittown
40. Jonas Salk
41. Ed Sullivan
42. Elvis Presley
43. Rock and Roll
44. Jack Kerouac and Beatniks

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. At Yalta, what agreement did the Big Three come to about Germany's future after World War II?
2. What was the policy of "containment?" What were President Truman's goals in establishing this foreign policy?
3. What were the goals of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan?
4. How did the Cold War affect daily life in the 1950s?
5. Why did the US go to war in Korea in 1950? What was the role of the United Nations in this conflict?
6. What was General MacArthur's plan in 1951 to end the stalemate in Korea? Why did President Truman object to it so strongly?
7. What was the significance of the Soviet Union's launching of the satellite *Sputnik*?
8. Why were covert operations so important? Why was the U-2 incident such a failure?
9. Why were people so afraid of Communist infiltration? How did media and government actions fuel these fears?
10. Why was Hollywood a target of anti-communist investigations by Congress in the 1950s?
11. Why was Senator McCarthy so influential? How did televising the hearings affect McCarthyism?
12. What were the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947? How did it address the issue of labor unions in the post-WW II period?
13. Why did the numbers of poor in the country's inner cities grow in the affluence of the 1950s?
14. How was the initial purpose of the Interstate Highway system related to the Cold War?
15. Why were the suburbs so popular after the war? What advantages did they offer middle-class families over city living?
16. What factors contributed to the postwar baby boom?
17. How was the affluent society of the United States in the 1950s different from previous decades?
18. What caused the advertising industry to boom in the 1950s?
19. What roles did African Americans play in the creation of rock and roll? What was the reaction of Americans towards these artists?
20. How did Jack Kerouac epitomize the beatnik generation?

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