1. When Eisenhower, a.k.a. “Ike”, came to power as the President, what war was ending?

2. How did the economic boom impact American in the 1950s?

3. How many female managers existed in the 1950s?

4. By 1957, ______% of all available men and women were married.

5. The 1950s saw the birth of the modern “track homes” in the American suburbs. Describe a typical neighborhood:

6. “The core of the 1950s was about __________________.”

7. “The activities were centered around the __________________.”

8. What aspects of capitalism were emphasized during the 1950s?

9. By the mid 1950s, televisions were in ________________ of the American households and Americans spent ________________ of their working hours in front of the T.V.


11. How did teenagers respond to Rock and Roll?

12. How did adults react to Rock and Roll? What did they fear?

13. Who was the 1st “Superstar” of Rock and Roll?

14. What was shown on the T.V. show “American Bandstand”, directed by Dick Clark?


16. On December 1, 1955 what did Rosa Parks do?
17. What did African Americans refuse to do during the Montgomery Bus Boycott which was organized by Dr. Martin Luther King?

   a. What were they trying to accomplish?

18. How long did the buses remain empty?

19. What did Dr. Martin Luther King provide African Americans?

20. What did the Supreme Court order in its decision on “Brown vs. Board of Education”?

21. President Eisenhower said that states did not have the right to do what?

22. How did the black students enter the former all white school for the 1st time?

23. The students who became famous for their role in the advancement of civil rights were called the Little Rock ____________.

24. ______________ came to be the dominant symbol of American life.

25. “______________ were seen as an emblem of one’s personality.” How was this reflected in the 1950s?

26. 1956 saw the building of what?

27. What was the secret motive behind building the Federal Interstate system?

28. Did Americans intervene in Hungary when they were invaded by the Soviet Union?

29. How long did it take before the Soviets had the Atom Bomb? ______ The Hydrogen bomb? ______

30. In 1953, what were the American soldiers asked to do in the American desert? Why?

31. Of the 2,584 men present in the desert during the test, how many are still alive today?

32. How many above ground tests were completed in the United States between 1954-58?
33. What took place on October 4, 1957?

34. What did “duck and cover symbolize”?