

The '50s –early '60s

- I. Begin the Cold War
 - A. Ideals of the two superpowers
 - B. US vs. USSR
 1. Arms race
 - a. First Russia matches US atomic bomb, then hydrogen bomb by 1949
 2. CIA vs. KGB
 3. Nato vs. Warsaw Pact
 4. NASA vs. Soviet space programs
 - a. Sputnik
- II. International incidents of the late 1940s
 - A. China
 1. Civil War
 - a. Nationalists (Chiang Kai-shek) vs. Communists (Mao Zedong)
 - b. Lack of food
 - Chiang shoots protestors
 - Mao builds a peasant army
 - i. Long March
 - c. Formosa (Taiwan)
 - B. Korean War
 1. Root cause – containment (Truman Doctrine)
 2. 38th parallel
 - a. North vs. South (based on who they surrendered to at end of WWII)
 3. North invaded South
 - a. Truman invaded – no permission, but Congress cheered
 - Only Taft's son, Robert (Ohio) objected to President usurping Congress's Constitutional power to declare war
 4. MacArthur's Miracle
 - a. North Korean troops push South almost off peninsula
 - b. Mac. Landed behind enemy lines, pushed them almost all the way back to China
 - c. Pushed back by Chinese – inferior military tech., but more numbers
 5. Mac's plan – invade China
 - a. Rejected by superiors, including Truman
 - b. Tried to convince the American people (through magazines) & Republican leaders
 - c. MacArthur relieved of command by Truman
 - d. People objected – Mac spoke to Congress (“Old soldiers never die...”)
 - e. Truman waited until “moment of glory” passed, then made his case to Congress & the People
 6. Soviets suggested a ceasefire – stalemate

- a. Demilitarized zone

7. Democrats lose power in election – Eisenhower becomes president

III. Cold War at home

- A. Red Scare

1. Joseph McCarthy
2. House Committee on Un-American Activities
3. Blacklists

- B. Espionage

1. Alger Hiss – prosecuted by Nixon
2. Ethel & Julius Rosenberg – Jewish Communists

- C. U-2 crisis (1960s) – pilot Francis Gary Powers shot down

IV. New Home Life

- A. New family life

1. More education - G.I. Bill – education for ex-soldiers
2. Suburbia
 - a. More cars
 - b. “white flight”
3. Increased divorce rate
 - a. Many quick marriages before the soldier left – now ended
4. Baby boom
 - a. Economic prosperity, returning men, desire for large families
5. Expectations of women – be June Cleaver
6. Consumerism
 - a. Expansion of credit
 - b. advertisements

- B. new corporate life

1. depression after WWII’s price controls released
2. expansion of franchise system
3. conformity

- C. pop culture

1. mass media & the FCC
 - a. Television – supports idea of a golden age
 - Not really as golden as it seems on TV
 - b. Beat generation/Beat poetry/Beatniks
 - Most famous – Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl”
 - c. Rock ‘n Roll
 - Fats Domino
 - Chuck Berry
 - Elvis Presley

V. Kennedy

- A. Election of 1960 – Nixon vs. JFK

1. Questions about JFK
 - a. Catholic
 - b. Young (43)
2. Television's role
3. Arrest of MLK
- B. Soviet Relations
 1. Flexible response – increase use of convention weapons (shift focus from nukes)
- C. Cuba
 1. Castro takes power
 2. Bay of Pigs invasion – U.S. backed
 3. Missile Crisis
- D. Berlin Wall
 1. Khrushchev needs to save face from people fleeing from W. Berlin
- E. Détente
 1. The hot line established in 1963
 2. Limited Test Ban Treaty
- F. Kennedy's leadership
 1. "Camelot"
 2. Ideas – but not votes to pass them in Congress
 3. Peace Corps
 4. To the moon
- G. Assassination
- VI. Johnson
 - A. Carried on JFK legacy – war on poverty
 - B. Election of 1964 – vs. Barry Goldwater (very conservative – wanted no social programs)
 1. Democrats also sweep Congress
 - C. Great Society
 1. Aid for education (1st time)
 2. Medicare (65+) & Medicaid (poor)
 - D. We'll see the end of his presidency later
- VII. Early '60s culture
 - A. Warren Court
 1. Reapportionment (draw boundaries for Congress based on population)
 2. Miranda vs. Arizona – '66
 - a. Silent
 - b. Say...used against you
 - c. Lawyer
 - B. Women's movement – feminism
 1. Betty Friedan – The Feminine Mystique
 2. Want education, equal opportunity
 3. National Organization of Women – active group
 4. Equal Rights Amendment - Phyllis Schlafly