

Honors Schedule – Post-War and Cold War Era to 1960

(Text, Chapters 26 & 27 and documents)

Date	Topic / Event
Monday 4/12 (A)	Discuss Post-War and Beginning of Cold War (26.1-26.2)
Tuesday 4/13 (F)	Group Assignments
Tuesday 4/13 (A)	Finish discussion; READING QUIZ 26.1-26.2
Wednesday 4/14 (F)	Watch Presidents DVD – Truman Begin discussion of Cold War at Home (26.3)
Wednesday 4/14 (A)	Discuss Cold War at Home and Eisenhower’s Cold War Policies (26.3, 26.4, outside material)
Thursday 4/15 (F)	Presidents DVD – Eisenhower Discuss Postwar Economy and Society (25.1)
Thursday 4/15 (A)	Finish any remaining material
Friday 4/16 (F)	Group Presentations
Monday 4/19 (A)	Finish Group Presentations
Tuesday 4/20 (F)	Review
Tuesday 4/20 (A)	UNIT TEST
Wednesday 4/21 (F)	

Presentation Topics for Post-World War II Society (Material from Sections 25.2, 25.3, 25.4):

- Business Conglomerates and Franchises
 - Be sure to cite several examples and key events
 - Define the terms conglomerate and franchise
 - Tell how this contributed to the image of American conformity in the late 1940s and 1950s
- Suburbs
 - Describe how the suburbs developed; what led to the creation of suburbia
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- The American Family
 - Describe the baby boom, advances in medicine and childcare and changing roles for women
 - Discuss the image of the ideal American family as evidence in television and advertising, as well as the very real situation for families in the 1940s & 1950s
- Leisure and Consumerism
 - Describe various leisure activities in this time period, as well as the various new products, advertisement schemes and installment buying plans
 - Be sure to tell how this time period compares and contrasts to the 1920s
 - Also address the theme of “American conformity”
- The Automobile Culture
 - Describe the rapid explosion of automobiles and the expectations for the typical American family
 - Also include the Interstate Highway Act and its social and economic implications

- Television
 - Explore the far-reaching effects of the dawn of the television age on politics, on society and for economic activity
 - Be sure to provide specific examples
 - Address how the television contributed to stereotypes in American history and culture, as well as the theme of conformity
 - Also address how radio and movies changed in this time period
- Beat Movement and Rock 'n' Roll
 - Illustrate the development of the beat movement as a reaction to the conformity of the 1950s
 - Also examine the development of Rock 'n' Roll music and give specific examples of how this movement developed (artists, important dates, etc)
 - Describe how these movements illustrate a clash of cultures in the 1950s between the traditional image of Americans and those rebelling against the norm
 - Be sure to also address the long-term implications
- Urban Problems and 1950s Political Activism
 - Address "white flights," the growth of urban poverty and the attempts at urban renewal
 - Be sure to review Section 25.4 carefully
 - Also address the political activists described in this section
 - Include a discussion of how the major migrations described here (white flights, Native Americans and Mexicans) impacted American society

Presentation Format:

Please follow the same format that we have used in the past. You may use PowerPoint, a Prezi, a Wiki page or some other visual-digital resource.

I will create a 1950s Presentations page under Honors Special Activities on the wiki for you to post your files. Please label them appropriately.

Grading: (weights twice in activity category)

- All criteria above met
- All group members actively participated
- Information presented is relevant and historically accurate