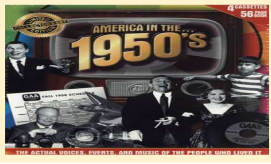


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1950s: Peace, Prosperity, & Progress Notes #4

Prosperity in the 1950's



- Reasons for prosperity:
 - Consumerism
 - WWII industry (new jobs)
 - G.I. Bill

The G.I. Bill



- Passed in 1944
- Helped veterans by giving them:
 - **Money for** _____
 - **Low cost loans for housing, businesses, and farms**
 - **Guaranteed a year's worth of unemployment benefits while job hunting**
- Used by millions
- Prevented them from flooding the job market

Living in the Suburbs



- Housing shortage for _____ vets
 - G.I. Bill helped families purchase homes
- _____ encouraged house building & buying
- Interstate highways made commuting easier

Population Shifts



- Not only did people move from the city to country
 - _____: Southern half of the country
- This "belt" of _____ **weather states** stretched across the southern 1/3 of the U.S. from Florida to California

Interstate Highway Act (1956)



- **Authorized the building of a _____ highway network** (41,000 miles of new roadways)
 - High-speed, long-haul trucking made possible, decline of railroads
 - More access to cars
 - Better roads
 - More Americans traveled

Baby Boom!



- **Large increase in _____** from the late 1940s to early 1960s
 - **Largest generation in nation's history**
- 1957: An infant born every 7 seconds (4,308,000 that year)

Women's Changing Roles



- Women **did not want to give up the independence** they had _____ while working during the war
 - **Rising divorce rate** because of clash of changing men's & women's roles
 - In 1950, 1 million+ war marriages had ended in divorce

Medical Advances



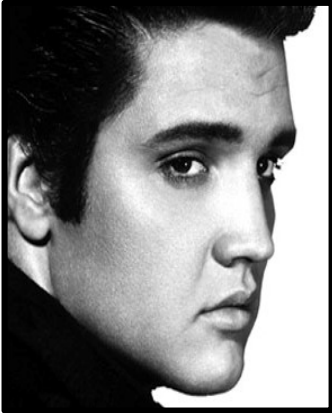
- _____: crippling disease that affected over half a million worldwide every year
 - Dr. _____ - developed _____ for polio (tested it on his family first)
- Measles vaccine
- 1st heart transplant
- The discovery of streptomycin (antibiotic to treat tuberculosis)
 - Dr. Benjamin _____ published national bestselling book on child care

Movies



- Drive-in movies
 - 3D movies made possible by special glasses (became popular)
- Widescreen (CinemaScope) and stereo sound

Rock-N-Roll



- Music captivated teens across the country
 - Roots in jazz, rhythm and blues, country, & folk music
- Reflected a _____ to break for the _____ norms
 - Broke down barriers between whites & blacks
- Adults _____ rock music - believed music would contribute to teenage _____ & immorality
 - Some cities banned rock (called it "race" music)
- Radio & TV exposure helped rock gain acceptance

Subculture: The Beat Generation



- Expressed _____ & literary movement of artists, poets, & writers that broke from conventional society & expressed _____
 - Followers were called " _____ " & lived non-conformist lives
 - People will begin questioning "conforming"