

The Century: **Happy Days: 1953-1960**

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1. What had happened with the war in Korea by 1953?
2. How did Pres. Eisenhower inspire confidence in the people?
3. How did the economic boom transform society, especially in the workplace?
- 4a. What was it like to be a businessman in the 1950s?
- 4b. What was the workplace like for women?
- 5a. What was the percentage of Americans who were married? 5b. Why is that significant?
6. List 3 significant things about the suburbs:
7. List 3 ways television influenced society:
- 8a. Why did parents object so much to “Rock ‘n’ Roll”?
- 8b. How influential were shows like “The Ed Sullivan Show” and “American Bandstand”?
9. What was the philosophy of the Beatniks (the Beat Movement)?
10. How was life for most African Americans in the 1950s, especially in the South?

11. What were the results of the Montgomery Bus Boycott?

- 12a. How did people feel about the integration (desegregation) of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas?

- 12b. What impact did the events at Little Rock have on those involved?

13. List 3 ways that the car became more important in the 1950s:

14. How were the Federal Highway program and the Cold War connected?

15. Why didn't the U.S. help the Hungarian revolution against Communism?

16. How did the military show its ignorance of the dangers of nuclear testing?

17. Describe the events of the "Space Race" (the race between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. to launch a rocket):

18. Who won the Space Race? How did Americans react to that?

19. What comparison was made between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. in education?

20. How did America react to that?

21. Why were people so disappointed about the quiz show "21"?