

The Century:

The Best Years (1950s)



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Directions: As you watch the video clips answer the questions below

1. Who did President Truman bring to Missouri to give a speech?	
2. What did the British Prime Minister say had fallen across the content?	
3. How many years did the Cold War last?	
4. What bill passed by the US government gave soldiers returning home from the war higher education and low mortgage rates?	
5. What did Bill Levitt build for consumers?	
6. Baby Boom: How many children were born between 1946 and 1952?	
7. What was expected of women in the 1950s?	
8. How were African Americans treated in the 1950s?	
9. What historic act did Truman order in regards to the military in 1948?	
10. Who was the first African American to cross color barrier for baseball? What team did he sign to?	
11. How many GIs were sent to occupy Japan?	
12. Who wrote the new Japanese constitution?	
13. How much money did the US send through the Marshall Plan to help Western Europe rebuild after the war?	
14. How did the Russians treat the German civilians after the war?	
15. In 1949 what weapon did the Soviets now had and began testing?	
16. To prepare for a nuclear attack what did Americans begin t build?	
17. When communist North Korea attacked democratic South Korea was war began?	
18. Why was the Korean War referred to the "Forgotten War"?	
19. What US Senator stated he there were communists spies in the government?	
20. What did Douglas MacArthur want to do to defeat North Korea? (Truman did not agree and ended up firing him for insubordination after MacArthur attempted to go gain support for his plan)	
21. What year did America first test the Hydrogen Bomb?	
22. In 1952 who was the WWII hero that was elected President?	

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1. What year was the truce agreement made between the U.S. , North Korea and the Chinese?	
2. What were people in the 50's doing more now than ever before in history?	
3. In the 1950's where was a women's place in society?	
4. What type of society was it?	
5. Where did most people live by the end of the decade?	
6. What replaced the radio in the 1950's?	
7. Who was playboy's first Playmate of the Month?	
8. What type of music was first introduced in 1955?	
9. Who was rock and rolls first superstar?	
10. What music television show was introduced in 1957?	
11. What was another way that youth expressed themselves?	
12. When were buses officially desegregated?	
13. Who was the undisputed leader of the civil rights movement?	
14. Nationwide, how many jobs were related to the automobile industry?	
15. Highways were constructed in order to allow _____ to travel easily in a time of national crisis?	
16. Eisenhower wanted freeway overhead passes to be built tall enough to allow _____ to fit under.	
17. How long did it take the Soviet Union to duplicate the atomic bomb?	
18. Who did the U.S. test the nuclear bomb on?	
19. Who was first to successfully launch a satellite into space?	
20. What new term did Americans learn due to the Soviet's new ability to attack?	
21. What television show was created to promote intelligence?	