Video Questions – The Century: 1946 – 1952 The Best Years (Clips)

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Post-WWII America

1. What did the G.I. Bill guarantee American veterans?
2. How much did a Levittown home cost and how long did it take to build?
3. Between 1946 and 1985 American families added babies to the population?
4. What was the role of women after World War II?
5. How many Black Americans fought in World War II? How were Black Americans treated when they returned home from the war? What did Truman do?

The Second Red Scare

1. How many American lives were lost in the Korean War? What kind of reception did the troops receive when they returned home from the Korean War? Why did Americans view the Korean War differently than World War II?
2. Why were the Rosenbergs arrested?
3. Who was Joseph McCarthy? What was the effect in Hollywood?
4. Between 1947 and 1952, the FBI investigated the loyalty of Americans.
5. The hydrogen bomb was times more powerful that the atomic bomb.
6. What name was given to the super calculator (the acronym)?
7. Who was elected to the presidency in 1952? What tool did he use to win the election?
8. What was the significance of the television?

Happy Daze: 1953-1960

1. What was Eisenhower’s campaign pledge regarding Korea?
2. In the 1950s where was the woman’s place in society?
3. What percentage of Americans lived in suburban tract homes by the end of the 1950’s?
4. What is “keeping up with the Joneses?”
5. By the mid-1950s TV sets were in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of American homes
6. Why was Little Richard’s music not allowed on the radio?
7. Who was rock and roll’s first superstar?
8. What did the beats (or beatniks) challenge?
9. Who eventually led the 1955-1956 Montgomery Bus Boycott?
10. What happened when schools attempted integration in Little Rock, Arkansas?
11. What came to be the dominant symbol of American life in the 1950’s?
12. What U.S. company had the same annual budget as Poland?
13. What was the largest public works project in American history? What was its ulterior motive?
14. How many Hungarians died when the U.S.S.R. crushed their rebellion?
15. How many of the 2,584 American troops who were present for Shot Simon were alive when this documentary was made?
16. Who participated in the “kitchen debate”?
17. On October 4, 1957 what was launched into space?
18. What scandal involved the quiz show “Twenty-one?”