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1950s and early 1960s Study Guide

Vocabulary

arms race	G.I. Bill	Camelot
NATO	baby boom	Peace Corps
Sputnik	consumerism	Great Society
Mao Zedong	franchise	Warren Court
Truman Doctrine	Beats	<i>Silent Spring</i>
Douglas MacArthur	Fidel Castro	Miranda Rights
Red Scare	Bay of Pigs	Betty Friedan
Joseph McCarthy	Cuban Missile Crisis	Equal Rights Amendment
blacklist	Limited Test Ban Treaty	

Questions

1. Why did the U.S. and USSR face off against each other?
2. What is the relationship between China and Taiwan?
3. Why were North & South Korea fighting? How did the Korean War end?
4. Why was MacArthur fired? How did he react? How did the contest between Truman & MacArthur end?
5. In the Red Scare, what could people accused of being Communists do to prove their innocence? What were the negative effects of being accused?
6. What brought an end to the Red Scare?

7. How did life for an average, white, middle-class American family change in the post-war 1940s & 1950s?
8. Describe a 1950s television family.
9. How did families like those in #8 diverge from reality?
10. Who were the earliest rock 'n roll artists? How did most parents view rock 'n roll?
11. What worries did many voters have about John F. Kennedy? How did Kennedy win the election?
12. What was Kennedy's approach to the U.S.S.R.? What major events occurred during JFK's presidency between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.?
13. Why did Johnson win the election of 1964?
14. What were the major decisions of the Warren Court?
15. What did the feminists want?
16. Why did Phyllis Schlafly and other conservatives fight against the Equal Rights Amendment?