
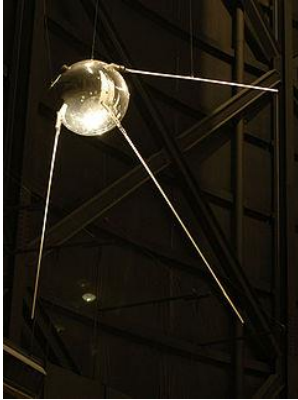



# Atomic Age: Postwar Confidence & Anxiety (1945-1960)

SSUSH21 The student will explain the impact of technological development and economic growth on the United States, 1945-1975.

- Describe the baby boom and its impact as shown by Levittown and the Interstate Highway Act.
- Describe the impact television has had on American culture; include the presidential debates (Kennedy/Nixon, 1960) and news coverage of the Civil Rights Movement.
- Analyze the impact of technology on American life; include the development of the personal computer and the expanded use of air conditioning.
- Describe the impact of competition with the USSR as evidenced by the launch of Sputnik I and President Eisenhower's actions.

<p><b>Dwight D. Eisenhower</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who was elected President in 1952?</li> <li>How was Eisenhower similar to his predecessors politically?</li> <li>What role did Eisenhower have in D-Day in 1944?</li> <li>What responsibilities did Truman leave for the newly elected President Eisenhower?</li> </ol>
<p><b>Cold War Blasts Into Space</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 1957, the Soviet Union (USSR) launched what satellite into space?</li> <li>When Sputnik I was launched, it signaled the official start of what competition between the US and USSR?</li> <li>Why did the launching of Sputnik shock many Americans?</li> <li>How did Eisenhower react to the launch of Sputnik?</li> <li>Why did Congress create NASA?</li> </ol>
<p><b>Baby Boom Changes Society</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did many returning soldiers from WWII do when they returned home?</li> <li>Why was this post-WWII period called the "Baby Boom"?</li> <li>Where did many of the "Baby Boom" families move after WWII?</li> <li>What technology allowed for easy transport from city to suburb?</li> <li>How was William Levitt similar to Henry Ford?</li> <li>What did the communities built by Levitt become known by?</li> </ol>
<p><b>The Interstate Highway System</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From a military standpoint, why did Eisenhower push for legislation to build a new interstate highway system?</li> </ol>

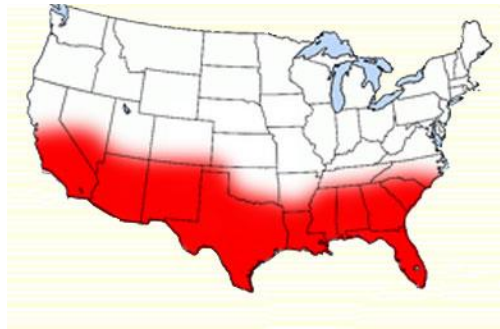
2. How would the new Interstate Highway System impact cities across the country?



3. How did the Interstate Highway System impact Levittowns?

### Air Conditioning

1. What is the “sunbelt”?

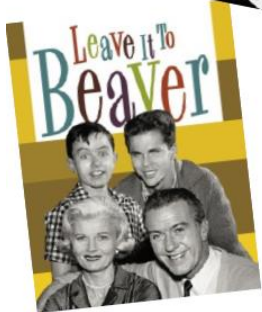


2. What technological advancement caused many to migrate to the Sunbelt states?

3. What political impact did this migration have on the US?

4. What US cities experienced population increases post-WWII due in great part to air conditioning?

### The Impact of Television



1. How did television change the image of the “American Family”?

2. How did television change the way Americans received information on national and international events?

3. What impact did television have on popular culture?

4. HIGHER ORDER THINKING: Why do you think that conformity (as seen in the suburbs and the nuclear family) was important to many in the United States in the 1950's?