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Peace, Prosperity and Progress

Essential Question: Why are the 1950s remembered as an Age of Affluence?


Learning Targets:

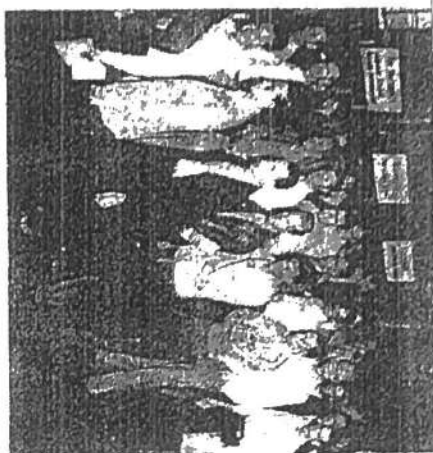
1. I can explain the reasons why the government enacted the Taft-Hartley Act.
2. I can give examples of how the 1950s economy shifted from producing goods to producing services.
3. I can explain the reasons why suburbia expanded in the 1950s, including the Levittown subdivisions.


Task:


1. The following table is separated into sections that are in order to make this activity easier for you.
2. Read the corresponding section or subsection in Chapter 17 and to the right of the image. Write at least three main points from your reading, making sure to use the terms you have been assigned in your main points.
3. Complete the summary paragraph at the end of the assignment (At least 5-8 sentences)

Example Below

| A Rocky Transition to Peace & Truman Battles a Republican Congress | Fair Deal Closed Shop Taft-Hartley Act |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">*Truman has announced a set of reforms called the "Fair Deal", including call to raise the minimum wage and enact national health insurance.*With rising prices and growing unemployment, workers in major industries are calling for wage increases and are striking if their demands are not met.*In response to the strikes, Congress has passed the Taft-Hartley Act, limiting the power of labor unions.*The Taft-Hartley Act outlaws the Closed Shop or a workplace in which the employer agrees to hire only members of a certain union. It also bans sympathy strikes by other unions. |

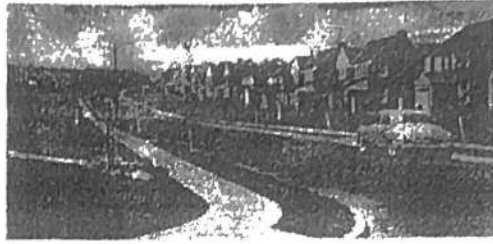
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| The Nation Recovers From War | G.I. Bill of Rights Living Expenses VA benefits |
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| An Upset Victory in 1948 | Thomas Dewey Minimum wage Whistle-stop tour |
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| Ike Takes the Middle of the Road | "I like Ike" Modern republicanism Social Security |
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Middle Class Families Move to the Suburbs: Weather and Wages Spur Migration to Sunbelt

Levittown
Sunbelt
homogeneity



The Middle Class Dream: Two Cars in Every Garage

Suburbs
Interstate highway system
Roadside business



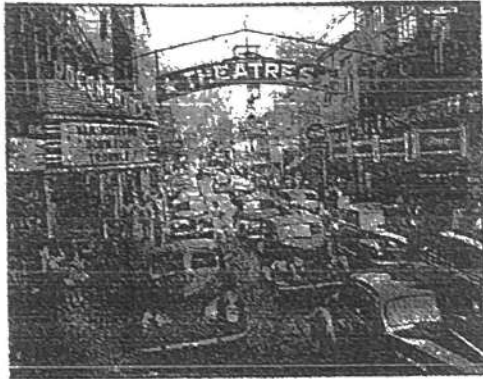
The Workforce Shifts from Blue-to-White Collar Jobs

Blue collar workers
White collar workers
Middle class



The American Economy Changes
Focus

Information Industries
Cost-of-living index
Franchise
Multinational companies



Consumer Demand Spurs Economic
Growth

Real income
Charge cards
consumerism



Family Roles: Working Dad and Stay-at-home Moms

Dr. Spock
Television
women



Advances in Medicine extend Life
Expectancy

Polio vaccine/Jonas Salk
Antibiotics
Life expectancy



TV Takes Center Stage

Howdy Doody
Mickey Mouse
Ideal Family



Rock and Roll Shakes the Nation

Rock and Roll
R & B
Elvis Presley



Finally, examine the photographs and write a paragraph that answers the question. Why are the 1950s remembered as an age of affluence? (Make sure you include at least two arguments that support your thesis.)