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PROSPERITY, REBELLION, AND REFORM (1945 - 1980) – LESSON 1

Objective: To examine how America changed in the years immediately following World War II.

Postwar Leaders

Election of 1948: Harry Truman (D) v. Thomas Dewey (R)



- Harry _____ narrowly defeated the Republican Thomas Dewey.

The _____ a series of reforms proposed by Pres. Truman after the election of 1948

- Minimum wage was _____.
- _____ covered more people.

- _____ was ended in the armed forces.



- However, Congress rejected Truman's plan for the government to provide _____ insurance for all Americans.

Election of 1952:

- Pres. Truman announced that he would not seek _____.
- Republican General Dwight D. _____ defeated Democrat Adlai Stevenson for the Presidency.



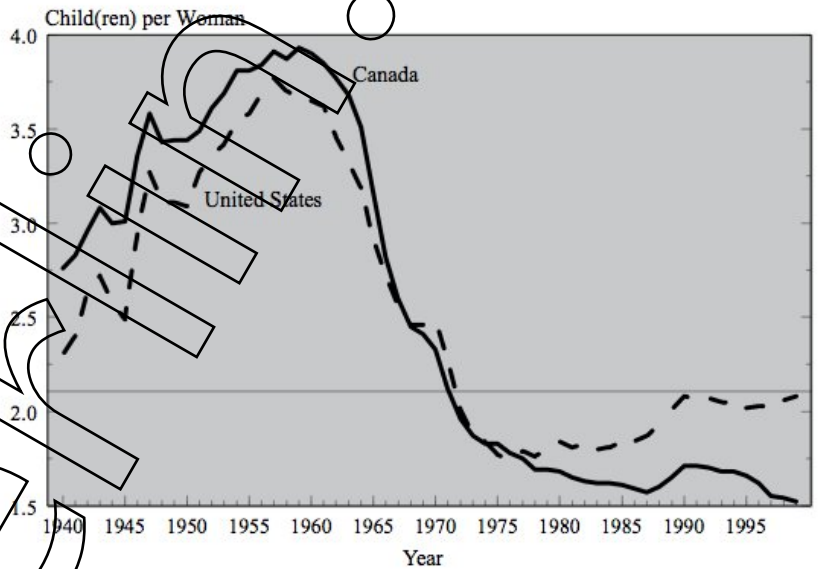
Life in the 1950's:

- In the 1950's, the nation experienced a _____ **boom**.

Example: **Decade** **U.S. Population Growth**

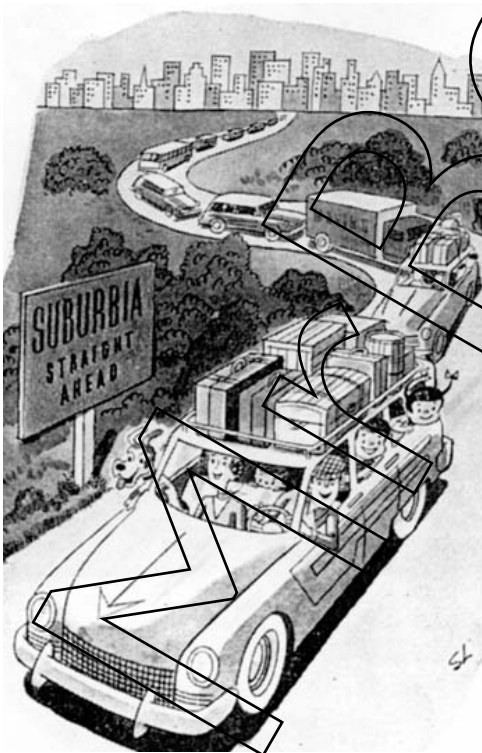
1930's	_____ million
1940's	_____ million
1950's	_____ million

Figure 1. Total Fertility Rate, Canada and United States, 1940-1999



What caused the baby boom?

- The _____ was the best it had been since the 1920's
- Many couples waited until after WWII to have _____
- _____ care improved for pregnant women and newborn infants.
- Dr. Jonas Salk created a vaccine against _____.



The suburbs grow:

- As families grew, people began to move out of the cities and into the _____.
- William _____ bought large tracts of land on which he built thousands of identical houses.
- These communities were known as _____, the first of which was built on Long Island in 1947.

Cars and Highways:

- The growth of suburbs caused an increased reliance on cars and the construction of _____.
Example: By 1960, 9 out of 10 suburban families owned a _____.
- The _____ **Highway Act** of 1956 built a network of highways across the country linking the nation.

Television:

- In the 1950's, the _____ replaced the radio as the primary form of home family entertainment.
- Popular shows included *American Bandstand*, *Howdy Doody*, and *I Love _____*.

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