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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.



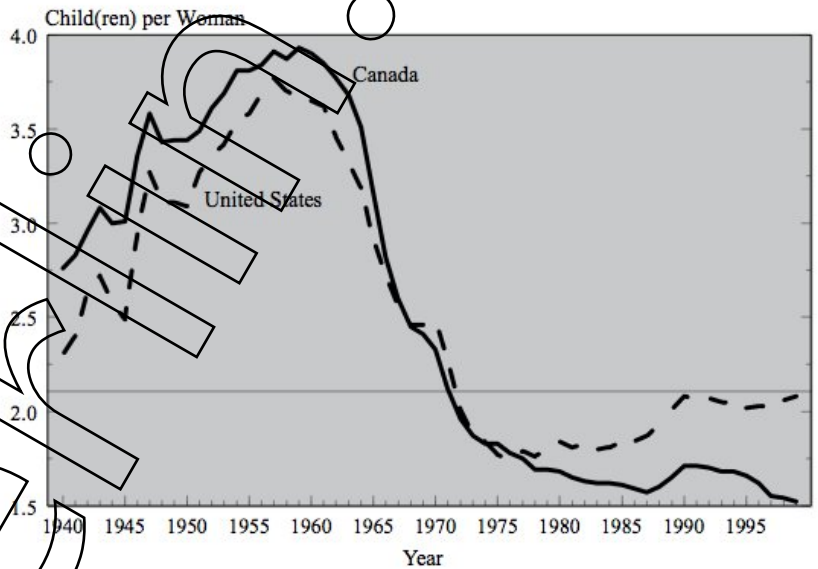
**Life in the 1950's:**

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

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

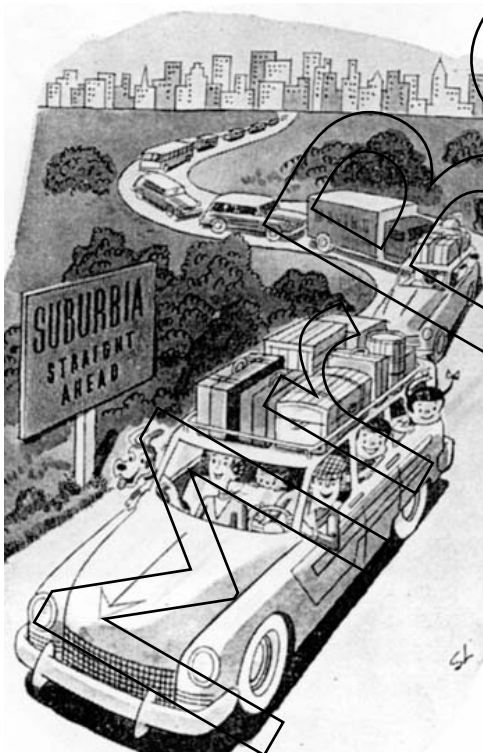
1930's	_____ million
1940's	_____ million
1950's	_____ million

**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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