**The Century: America’s Time 1953-1960 Happy Daze**

**Directions:** Watch the video and answer the questions. The questions are in order.

1. When Eisenhower, a.k.a. “Ike”, came to power as the President, what war was ending? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. How did the economic boom impact America in the 1950s?

3. Wages were going up by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% a year.

4. “For the first time more Americans were doing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, than manual labor”.

5. How many female managers existed in the 1950s? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
6. By 1957, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of all available men and women were married.

7. The 1950s saw the birth of the modern “track homes” in the American suburbs. Describe a typical neighborhood:

8. “The core of the 1950s was about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”  
9. “The activities were centered around the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.”

10. What aspects of capitalism were emphasized during the 1950s?

**BIRTH OF TELEVISION:**

11. By the mid 1950s, Televisions were in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the American households and Americans spent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their working hours in front of the T.V.

12. How did the T.V. increase the motives of capitalism? Give examples. ROCK AND ROLL: 13. How did teenagers respond to Rock and Roll?

14. How did adults react to Rock and Roll? What did they fear?

15. Who was the first superstar of Rock and Roll? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. What was shown on the T.V. show “American Bandstand”, directed by Dick Clark?

17. How did the “Beat Movement” view capitalism? Explain.

**AFRICAN AMERICANS/ CIVIL RIGHTS/ ENDING SEGREATION:**

18. On December 1, 1955 what did Rosa Parks do?

19. What did African Americans refuse to do during the Montgomery Bus Boycott which was organized by Dr. Martin Luther King? What were they trying to accomplish?

20. How long did the buses remain empty? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

21. What did Dr. Martin Luther King provide African Americans?

22. What did the Supreme Court order in its decision on “Brown vs. Board of Education”?

23. President Eisenhower said that states did not have the right to do what?

24. How did the black students enter the former all white school for the 1st time?

25. The students who became famous for their role in the advancement of civil rights were called the Little **Rock \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**AUTOMOBILES:**

26. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to be the dominant symbol of American life.

27. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were seen as an emblem of one’s personality.” How was reflected in the 1950s?

28. 1956 saw the building of what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
29. What was the secret motive behind building the Federal Interstate system?

**COLD WAR**

30. Did Americans intervene in Hungary when they were invaded by the Soviet Union? Yes/ No

31. How long did it take before the Soviets had the Atom Bomb? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Hydrogen Bomb? \_\_\_\_\_

32. In 1953 what were the American soldiers asked to do in the American desert? Why?

33. Of the 2584 men present in the desert during the test, how many are still alive today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

34. How many above ground tests were completed in the United States between 1954-58? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

35. What took place on October 4, 1957? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

36. What did “duck and cover symbolize”?

37. Why did a new movement of American Intellectualism take place? Give examples.