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The Eisenhower Years... Rocking Fifties

APUSH Review Guide for AMSCO chapter 27. (or other sources covering the 1950's)

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From the College Board Content Outline for Period 8

Key Concept 8.1: The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and working to maintain a

position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences. **Key Concept 8.2:** New movements for civil rights and liberal efforts to expand the role of government generated a range of political and cultural responses.

Key Concept 8.3: Postwar economic and demographic changes had far-reaching consequences for American society, politics, and culture.



Guided Reading, The Eisenhower Years, 1952-1960, pp 579-593

1. Eisenhower Takes Command, pp 579-581

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
After World War II, the United States grappled	The Eisenhower Years, 1952-1960 (1st paragraph of chapter)	Why was America ready for a Republican again?
with prosperity and unfamiliar international responsibilities,		
while struggling to live up to its		
ideals.	Eisenhower Takes Command	
Cold War policies led to continued public debates over the power of the federal government,		What role did the Korean War play in this shift?
acceptable means for pursuing international and domestic goals, and the proper balance between liberty and order.	The Election of 1952	
	Campaign Highlights	

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
After World War II, the United States grappled with prosperity and unfamiliar international responsibilities, while struggling to live up to its ideals.	Domestic Policies Modern Republicanism	Explain what "Modern Republicanism" is. To what degree did Eisenhower depart from FDR's New Deal and Truman's Fair Deal programs?
Cold War policies led to continued public debates over the power of the federal government, acceptable means for pursuing international and domestic goals, and the proper balance between liberty and order.	Interstate Highway System	Explain the connection between containment of communism and the Interstate Highway Act.
	Prosperity	
	The Election of 1956	Why was Richard Nixon chosen as Eisenhower's Vice President?







Eisenhower/Nixon won again in 1956 with an even bigger landslide. However, the Democrats controlled both houses.

In 1960, Richard Nixon ran for president but was narrowly defeated by John F. Kennedy. He was later elected President in 1968.



2. Eisenhower and the Cold War, pp 581-587

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a multilateral economic framework that bolstered non-Communist nations.	Eisenhower and the Cold War Dulles' Diplomacy	Support or refute the assertion that John Foster Dulles was a dangerous man with a dangerous approach to foreign policy. Explain your reasoning.
The United States sought to "contain" Soviet-dominated communism through a variety of measures, including military engagements in Korea		
As the United States focused on containing communism, it faced increasingly complex foreign policy issues, including decolonization, shifting international alignments and regional conflicts, and global economic and environmental changes.	Massive Retaliation	
Postwar decolonization and the emergence of powerful nationalist movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East led both sides in the Cold War to seek allies among new nations, many of which remained nonaligned.	Unrest in the Third World	How did covert action in the Third World create conflict in American society?
Cold War competition extended to Latin America, where the U.S. supported non- Communist regimes with varying levels of commitment to democracy.	Covert Action	

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The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a multilateral economic framework that bolstered non-Communist nations.	Asia Korean Armistice	Support or refute the assertion that the United States won the Korean War.
The United States sought to "contain" Soviet-dominated communism through a variety of measures, including military engagements in Korea and Vietnam.	Fall of Indochina	Explain domino theory.
As the United States focused on containing communism, it faced increasingly complex foreign policy issues, including decolonization, shifting international alignments and regional conflicts, and global economic and environmental changes.	Division of Vietnam	How does domino theory relate to containment?
Postwar decolonization and the emergence of powerful nationalist movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East led both sides in the Cold War to seek allies among new nations, many of which	SEATO The Middle East	To what extent was securing oil supplies responsible for the Eisenhower Doctrine? Explain your reasoning. Why was the nation of Israel created
remained nonaligned. Cold War competition extended to Latin America, where the U.S. supported non- Communist regimes with varying levels of commitment to	Suez Crisis	in 1948?
democracy.	Eisenhower Doctrine	Explain the key difference between the Truman Doctrine and the Eisenhower Doctrine?
	OPEC and Oil	

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The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a	U.S. – Soviet Relations	Was the diplomatic effort at Geneva successful in reaching its goals? Explain.
multilateral economic framework that bolstered non-Communist nations.	Spirit of Geneva	
As the United States focused on containing communism, it faced increasingly complex foreign policy issues,		Did the rejection of Open Skies prevent Americans and Soviets from aerially spying on one another?
including decolonization, shifting international alignments and regional conflicts, and global economic and environmental	Hungarian Revolt	
changes. Postwar decolonization and the emergence of		How did Sputnik impact Americans?
powerful nationalist movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East led both sides in the Cold War to seek	Sputnik Shock	
allies among new nations, many of which remained nonaligned.		Compare United States reaction in Hungary to the second Berlin crisis two years later (1958).
Cold War competition extended to Latin America, where the U.S. supported non- Communist regimes with varying levels of commitment to	Second Berlin Crisis	
democracy.	U-2 Incident	
		Compare Eisenhower's approach to Cuba to Obama's.
	Communism in Cuba	

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The United States developed a foreign policy based on collective security and a multilateral economic framework that bolstered non-Communist nations.	Eisenhower's Legacy	Was Dwight Eisenhower an effective President? List at least 3 pieces of evidence to support your answer.
The United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and attempting to defend a position of global leadership, with far-reaching domestic and international consequences.	" <mark>Military-Industrial Complex</mark> "…	

3. The Civil Rights Movement, pp 587-590

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Seeking to fulfill Reconstruction-era promises, civil rights activists and political leaders achieved some legal and political successes in ending segregation,	The Civil Rights Movement Origins of the Movement	FDR desegregated war industries. Truman desegregated the armed forces. Eisenhower sent the National Guard to Little Rock and signed two Civil Rights laws. Which of these three presidents was most influential in the
although progress toward equality was slow and halting.	Changing Demographics	increasing momentum of the Civil Rights movement? Defend your answer.
Following World War II, civil rights activists utilized a variety of strategies — legal challenges,	Changing Attitudes in the Cold War	
direct action, and nonviolent protest tactics — to combat racial discrimination.	Desegregating the Schools	
Decision-makers in each of the three branches of the federal government used measures including	Brown Decision	
desegregation of the armed services and Brown v. Board of Education.	Resistance in the South	

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Seeking to fulfill Reconstruction-era promises, civil rights activists and political leaders achieved some legal and political successes in ending segregation, although progress toward equality was slow and halting. Following World War	Montgomery Bus Boycott Federal Laws	Compare the tactics of the SCLC to those of the NAACP. Identify a similarity and a difference.
II, civil rights activists utilized a variety of strategies — legal challenges, direct action, and nonviolent protest tactics — to combat racial discrimination.	Nonviolent Protests	Compare the Chinese Exclusion Act of the Gilded Age to Operation Wetback of the post WWII era.
	Immigration Issues in the Postwar Years	

4. Popular Culture in the Fifties, pp 590-592

Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Rapid economic and social changes in American society	Popular Culture in the Fifties	How were the 50s similar to the 20s?
fostered a sense of optimism in the postwar years, as well as underlying	Consumer Culture and Conformity	
concerns about how these changes were affecting American values.	Television	

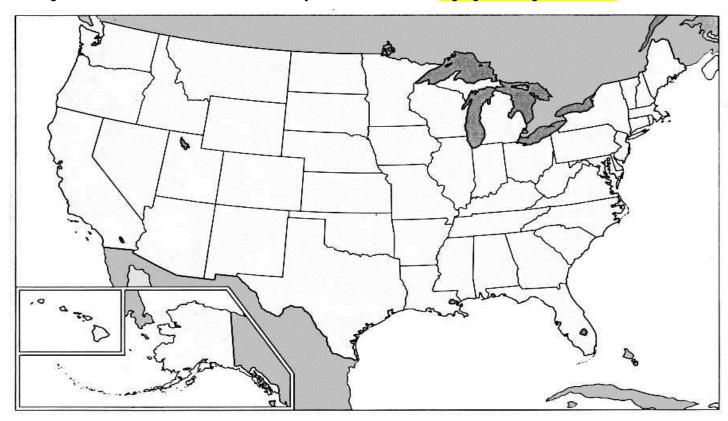
Main Ideas	Definitions/Explanations/Notes	Analysis
Rapid economic and social changes in American society fostered a sense	Advertising	Compare Beatniks to the Lost Generation. What was each group's source of disillusionment?
of optimism in the postwar years, as well as underlying concerns about how these	Paperbacks and Records	
changes were affecting American values.	Corporate America	
A burgeoning private sector, continued federal spending, the baby boom, and technological		
developments helped spur economic growth, middle-class suburbanization,	Religion	
social mobility, a rapid expansion of higher education, and the rise of the "Sun Belt" as a political and economic force.	Women's Roles	
These economic and social changes, in addition to the anxiety engendered by the Cold War, led to	Social Critics	
an increasingly homogeneous mass culture, as well as challenges to conformity by	Novels	
artists, intellectuals, and rebellious youth.	"Beatniks"	

5. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES: A Silent Generation? Page 593

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6. In 1959, with Eisenhower as president, Alaska and Hawaii joined the Union. The final two states, the two were the first non-contiguous states to be added to the Union. Can you label all 50 states? Highlight the original 13 states.



7. During the Eisenhower years, U.S. foreign policy led to many interventions globally. Label and color each nation Eisenhower intervened in, and highlight these one color. Then, label the Soviet Union, Great Britain, France, and the oceans.

