

Chapter 36 - American Zenith (1952-1963)

Essential Question

How was this time period an era of prosperity and change?

Essential Vocabulary

The Feminine Mystique

Rock n' roll

Montgomery Bus Boycott

Brown v. Board of Education

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

Federal Highway Act of 1956

Sputnik

Military-industrial complex

Abstract expressionism

Beat Generation

New Frontier

Peace Corps

Apollo

Bay of Pigs Invasion

Cuban Missile Crisis

Freedom Riders

Questions from Reading

1. What led to the economic affluence of the 1950s?
2. What were the developments in the women's movement?
3. How did a consumer culture emerge in the 1950s?
4. What led to the push for civil rights in the 1950s?
5. What was the Southern reaction to *Brown v. Board*? What was Eisenhower's response?
6. How did Eisenhower address the issue of illegal Mexican immigration and Native American rights?
7. What was the impact of the launching of the Soviet satellite Sputnik?
8. What were the American artistic and literary developments?
9. What was the message of "The Beat Generation"?
10. What were the goals of Kennedy's New Frontier?
11. What led to increasing tensions in Vietnam?
12. What were the challenges of the Bay of Pigs Invasion and Cuban Missile Crisis?
13. What were the civil rights developments in the early 1960s?

