



Handout -1950s American Society Graphic Organizer (Teacher's Guide)

Use the below graphic organizer to make notes on the various terms and concepts introduced in class.

Baby Boom	<i>An increase in the number of births as American's outlook improved after WWII ended and the Great Depression of the 1930s was over.</i>
William Levitt and the suburbs	<i>William Levitt started mass producing homes and created the first suburban community. The white middle class moved to these areas in the 1950s.</i>
Rise of the white middle class	<i>Due to the economic boom after WWII, many white Americans rose to middle class status and were able to purchase homes and have disposable income.</i>
Second Red Scare	<i>Paranoia and fear over the threat of communism spreading into America during the 1950s.</i>

McCarthyism	The hunt for suspected communists started by Senator Joseph McCarthy. McCarthy pursued Americans with very little evidence and violated the civil liberties of Americans who were accused.
House of Un-American Activities Committee	Committee which held hearings to investigate suspected communists. They ruined many peoples careers through their investigations.