# Section 1 Truman and Eisenhower

### Return to a Peacetime Economy

1. How could the return of millions of soldiers from WWII cause unemployment in the U.S.?
2. Why did the great demand for consumer goods after the war lead to higher prices?
3. Why did workers in the auto, steel, electrical and mining industries go on strike?
4. What were Truman’s responses to strikes in energy and railroads?
5. Identify the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 and how its supporters and detractors characterized it.

# Section 2 The Affluent Society

### American Abundance

1. Identify reasons why millions of Americans moved to the suburbs after WWII. How did the federal government assist them?
2. What factors contributed to the baby boom?
3. Define white-collar and blue-collar workers and explain how these terms came to be used.

### The New Mass Media

1. Read about an actor from early TV and write a two-three paragraph about their pre-TV careers and their TV work in the 1950s. Examples: Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Ed Sullivan, Ozzie Nelson, Jack Webb, Robert Young, Allen Funt. Write or type on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Identify two factors that led to the rise of an independent youth culture.

# Section 3 The Other Side of American Life

### Poverty Amidst Prosperity

1. How did Michael Harrington change American’s knowledge of their country?
2. In what ways did urban renewal often make matters worse?
3. What were conditions like in Appalachia? Look online to find current median incomes in Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia. List these states by their ranking among the fifty states and their median income. What do these numbers suggest about like today in these states?