**1950’s This Century Questions**

1. **What war** did over 50,000 Americans return home from in coffins in 1953?

2. **What 2 countries** did the U.S. reach a truce agreement with? **(NEED BOTH)**

3. **Who was president** of the U.S. at this time?

4. Before 1953, **what year was the last time the U.S. didn’t have any problems** to deal with?

5. **What type of society was America becoming** due to the economic boom after WWII?

6. What **type of work became popular** to do?

7. Why did everyone have a Gray or Blue Flannel suit with a white shirt to have?

8. What did bosses look for in female secretaries?

9. What role was not considered for women at the workplace?

10. **What %** of marriageable couples were married in the 1950’s?

11. **Where were most people moving to** in the 1950’s?

12. **What time at night** were baby doctors open until?

13. What was the **emotional core of the 1950’s** about?

14. **What class** was growing by 1 million people a year?

15. What is the **catch phrase** that meant that you had to have what your neighbors had?

16. **What product became affordable** for people in the early 1950s and everyone had to have?

17. **What fraction** of the average person’s overall time awake spent on watching TV?

18. What came with TV that made money, but was an undesirable part of the invention?

19. **What magazine** was published in reaction to the normalcy of the 1950s?

20. Who was the **1st person on the cover** of this magazine?

21. What was the name of the **new kind of music** that emerged in the 1950s?

22. **Why did many parents 1st object** to this kind of music?

23. Who was considered to be the **1st superstar** of this kind of music?

24. What was the **name of the TV show** **host** that 1st refused to book this singer on his show but

then 2 months later changed his mind?

25. What **TV show was hosted by Dick Clark** and illustrated the importance of the new music to

teenagers?

26. What is the **name of the social movement** who said things like “Dig It” and “Don’t be a Square

Daddio”

27. What did people that were part of this social movement criticize?

28. What serious **social movement** began in the 1950’s and worked to change the situation of

**African Americans**?

29. **Who refused to give up her seat on a bus** in Alabama that started a movement?

30. **Who led the boycott of the bus company** for over a year?

31. **What did the Supreme Court eventually rule** about the busses?

32. **How many African American students** attempted to enter Central High School in Little Rock,

Arkansas?

33. **What president** made a stand against state rights and enforced the power of the Federal

Government in the issue on Race?

34. **Who eventually escorted African American students to class** in Little Rock?

35. **What high price item** became a symbol of the American life?

36. What chain was created as a place to stay for people on the road?

37. Besides transportation, why were roads built?

38. What was being fought without guns in the 1950’s?

39. What country did the US fail to help in this war?

40. What new bomb replaced the A Bomb?

41. What were we willing to do to test our bomb’s effect on humans?

42. What new race in technology was on in the 1950’s?

43. What is the name of the Russian Satellite?

44. What was a catch phrase that students in America had to learn as they worried about Nuclear

War?

45. What is the name of the debate between Khrushchev and Nixon?

46. What is the name of the show that fooled America?