

JEOPARDY!

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The 1950s

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Cold War
Conflict

Postwar
Politics

The 50s
Economy

American
'Dreams'

American
'Realities'

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Topic 1 - \$100 Question

This event, which went on for nearly a year, represented Stalin's efforts to extend Soviet influence into West Germany AND the efforts of the United States to prevent it.

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Topic 1 - \$100 Answer

What is the “Berlin Blockade and Berlin Airlift”?

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Topic 1 - \$200 Question

This Cold War conflict, ending in an armistice rather than a peace treaty, would mark the only time during the Cold War that the Americans and Soviets would meet on the battlefield.

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Topic 1 - \$200 Answer

What is the “Korean War”?

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Topic 1 - \$300 Question

Because he failed to prevent a communist takeover of China, and to expel communists from North Korea, Truman was accused of being _____.

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Topic 1 - \$300 Answer

What is “soft on communism”?

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Topic 1 - \$400 Question

This event would worsen tensions between the U.S. and the Soviets, even leading Khrushchev to cancel both an upcoming summit AND Eisenhower's invitation to visit the Soviet Union

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Topic 1 - \$400 Answer

What is the “U2 Incident”?

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Topic 1 - \$500 Question

In an attempt to prevent the potential spread of communism, the U.S. would deploy the CIA into these two countries to overthrow democratically-elected leaders.

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Topic 1 - \$500 Answer

What are “Iran” and
“Guatemala”?

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Topic 2 - \$100 Question

When it became clear at the end of WWII that the Russians would no longer be our allies, Truman enacted the policy of “this” - 4 goals designed to prevent the spread of communism.

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Topic 2 - \$100 Answer

What is “containment”?

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Topic 2 - \$200 Question

This policy, proposed by Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, held that a constant state of readiness to launch nuclear attacks would prevent the spread of communism.

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Topic 2 - \$200 Answer

What is “brinkmanship”?

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Topic 2 - \$300 Question

While nationwide health insurance and government crop subsidies failed to pass Congress, the other items of Truman's _____ were adopted

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Topic 2 - \$300 Answer

What is the “Fair Deal”?

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Topic 2 - \$400 Question

While President Eisenhower did a great deal for American economics and infrastructure during his two terms, his focus on _____ was virtually non-existent

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Topic 2 - \$400 Answer

What are “civil rights”?

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Topic 2 - \$500 Question

Responding to accusations of corruption, Richard Nixon made history by delivering the _____, marking the beginning of an era in which the success of a politician would be heavily influenced by how they appeared on television to the public at large.

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Topic 2 - \$500 Answer

What is the “Checkers Speech”?

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Topic 3 - \$100 Question

By the mid-1950s,
approximately ____% could
claim to be members of the
middle class economically.

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Topic 3 - \$100 Answer

What is “60%”?

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Topic 3 - \$200 Question

This phenomenon had the effect of shrinking the American urban tax base, leading to a worsening of conditions in inner cities.

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Topic 3 - \$200 Answer

What is “white flight”?

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Topic 3 - \$300 Question

The creation of “this” would be beneficial for Americans living in the burgeoning suburbs, helping to connect them efficiently to jobs and resources, but tended to damage the economies of small towns too far displaced to take advantage of it, or dependent upon a dying railroad industry.

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Topic 3 - \$300 Answer

What is the “Interstate Highway System”?

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Topic 3 - \$400 Question

In addition to easy credit, increased advertising and affordable goods, “this” strategy of ensuring that products would quickly break, need replacement parts or become outdated also contributed greatly to the economic boom of the 50s

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Topic 3 - \$400 Answer

What is “planned
obsolescence”?

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Topic 3 - \$500 Question

Economic forecasters who predicted that WWII would be followed by a serious Depression did not anticipate “this” unexpected boost to the Postwar economy

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Topic 3 - \$500 Answer

What is “personal savings of individual Americans”? (war work, service pay and war bonds)

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Topic 4 - \$100 Question

Because of the idealized presentation of American life in the media and in popular culture, many members of the suburban middle class found it difficult to believe that _____ people lived in poverty in 1950s America.

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Topic 4 - \$100 Answer

What is “40 million”?

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Topic 4 - \$200 Question

The largest, wealthiest and most gently-raised generation in history until that point, the baby boomers would reach their peak numbers in 1957, during which a baby was born every _____.

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Topic 4 - \$200 Answer

What is “7 seconds”?

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Topic 4 - \$300 Question

The improved quality of life for families was to a significant extent due to advances in medical care such as the _____ developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

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Topic 4 - \$300 Answer

What is the “polio vaccine”?

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Topic 4 - \$400 Question

The end of WWII saw millions of employed, married women return to the home while their husbands went out to work, signifying that the 50s would feature a return to _____
_____.

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Topic 4 - \$400 Answer

What are “traditional values”?

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Topic 4 - \$500 Question

With narrowly-defined roles, the most glorified of which were homemaker and mother, the 1950s woman was generally limited to only a few possible careers including _____, _____ and _____.

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Topic 4 - \$500 Answer

What are “teaching, nursing and administrative work”?

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Topic 5 - \$100 Question

“This” married couple would eventually be executed for espionage for passing information about “this” to the Soviets.

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Topic 5 - \$100 Answer

Who are “Julius and Ethel Rosenberg” and what is the “atomic bomb”?

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Topic 5 - \$200 Question

Spurred by discrimination resulting from the Bracero Program, the _____ Incident would galvanize Mexican Americans into action to fight for civil rights.

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Topic 5 - \$200 Answer

What is the “Longoria Incident”?

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Topic 5 - \$300 Question

The enactment of “this” would discontinue the reservation system and remove federal economic support for Native Americans.

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Topic 5 - \$300 Answer

What is the “Termination Policy”?

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Topic 5 - \$400 Question

While his initial influence was undeniable, Senator Joseph McCarthy would eventually be disgraced for attacking suspected communists without _____.

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Topic 5 - \$400 Answer

What is “evidence”?

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Topic 5 - \$500 Question

“This” policy, which was designed to provide new affordable housing for low-income people, failed to achieve its goal due to a lack of funding support from the federal government.

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Topic 5 - \$500 Answer

What is “urban renewal”?


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“THE RED SCARE”

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Final Jeopardy Question

After examination by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), the Hollywood Ten were imprisoned for “this” offense.

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Final Jeopardy Answer

What is “contempt of court
(or contempt of Congress)”?

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