

The 1950s - Review Sheet

1. In the 1950s, the economy was strong and many people had these, when you have extra money left over after paying your bills.
2. As the Cold War continued and people stressed out about it, some people referred to the 1950s and 1960s as this.
3. The famous video that thousands of schoolchildren watched was called what?
4. The Cold War officially started when what country successfully tested its own atomic weapon?
5. Which country was the first to successfully put a satellite into orbit?
6. What was the name of the first satellite put into orbit?
7. What United States organization was created to get the space program underway?
8. What war began in 1950, sending many American men back to war?
9. Was Mr. Haddad around in the 1950s?
10. What group had its own money to spend for the first time ever – which they spent on “souping” up cars, records, and drive-in theaters?
11. What do we call people who were born in the late 1940s and early 1950s?
12. What Supreme Court case resulted in the desegregation of schools across the country?
13. Which presidents served the country in the 1950s?
14. What was the winning presidential campaign slogan for the second president of the 1950s?
15. What dance was NOT popular in the 1950s?
16. Who modernized the way suburban communities would be built, with three towns even named after him?
17. In reaction to the Cold War, what did many nervous citizens build in their backyards and basements?
18. What backyard cooking device debuted in the early 1950s, dramatically increasing the amount of beef sold in the country?
19. Moving into the 1960s, what popular hairstyle did many girls choose?

20. How did Orville Redenbacher improve the way we snack in 1952?
21. In the 1950s, suburban women started throwing parties where this product was sold.
22. An average of 650 of these were made per year in the 1950s.
23. Which toy of the 1950s was NOT a hit for the Wham-O toy company?
24. What toy debuted in 1952, although you had to supply your own vegetable?
25. The Barbie doll debuted in what year?
26. What team won 5 straight World Series and dominated baseball in the early 1950s?
27. What innovation did the NBA (basketball) make to improve the sport and make it more exciting?
28. How did most Americans know what TV programming would be on a particular time?
29. True or False: Color TV was available in the 1950s.
30. He was the main man of variety TV shows, making performers into celebrities.
31. Jackie Gleason had his own TV show, but became an even bigger star when he starred in this sitcom playing a bus driver.
32. Who was the King of Country music in the 1950s?
33. Who started a minor scandal by shaking his hips while singing rock and roll music on the Ed Sullivan show?
34. The *I Love Lucy* show made a lot of money in reruns, also known as what?
35. Lots of cars in the 1950s were designed with these on the back, although they didn't help the car swim at all.
36. Charlie Brown and Snoopy were hit characters in this famous comic strip.