

# Postwar America Study Guide

## *People*

- William Levitt
- Strom Thurmond
- Henry Wallace
- Thomas Dewey
- Dwight Eisenhower
- Adlai Stevenson
- Jonas Salk
- Benjamin Spock
- Ed Sullivan
- Lucille Ball
- Vin Scully
- Alan Freed
- Bill Haley
- Elvis Presley

## *Topics*

- GI Bill
- Levittown
- Postwar inflation
- Reasons for economic prosperity
- Wartime savings
- Postwar strikes
- Taft-Hartley Act
- Election of 1948
- “Do Nothing Congress”

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment
- Fair Deal
- Dynamic Conservatism (Modern Republicanism)
- Checkers Speech
- Religious revival
- Conformity in society
- Conformity in business
- White-collar jobs
- Suburban living
- Conglomerates
- Fast food beginnings
- Women's roles
- Credit
- Effects of the automobiles
- White Flight
- The Other America
- Urban renewal
- Bracero Program
- Native American policies
- Positive/Negative effects of suburbs and cities
- Stereotypes on television
- Role of television in life
- Beatniks
- "Day the Music Died"
- Essential Questions