

## Best Years Video Assignment

1. What did Winston Churchill mean when he said “an iron curtain has descended across the continent?”
2. Who did Churchill say was the remaining tyrant of Europe?
3. How long did the Cold War last?
4. What was passed in 1944 that helped returning veterans adjust to civilian life after World War II?
5. What was the driving force behind the economic boom after World War II?
6. How did William Levitt transform American life in the late 1940s?
7. How many houses a week was Levitt building?
8. How many children were born between 1946-1952?
9. How many African Americans served in World War II?
10. How did President Truman respond to the continued discrimination against African Americans after the war?
11. How did professional sports change in the 1940s?
12. Describe Russia, Germany, and Japan after World War II?
13. What two countries occupied most of Europe after WWII?
14. As communism swept through Eastern Europe, what was the \$13 billion plan called to prevent communism in Western Europe?
15. Compare the way Russians treated Europeans after the war with the way Americans treated Europeans after the war – especially Germans.
16. How did the U.S. respond to the Russians cutting all supply lines into West Berlin? How long did this last?
17. How did Russia shock the West in late 1949?
18. How did many Americans respond to the Russian development of the atomic bomb?
19. What happened in China in October 1949?
20. Why were U.S. troops sent to South Korea in 1950?
21. How many Americans were killed in the Korean War?
22. Why were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg arrested?
23. What did Senator Joseph McCarthy begin to claim about the U.S. government?
24. How were the fears of communism in the United States played out in Hollywood?
25. Between 1947-1952, how many Americans were investigated by the FBI for being communists?
26. Why did President Truman fire General MacArthur?
27. What new technology was developed at the end of 1952?
28. What was the H-bomb’s nickname?
29. Who became President in 1952? What was new about his campaign?
30. How was television transforming American social life? Who was surprisingly a big TV fan?