Standard 21 Vocabulary

1. President Harry S. Truman – Took over Presidency after Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office and helped end WWII with the dropping of the atomic bomb.
2. Integration of U.S. Armed Forces – Executive Order 9981 written by Harry S. Truman
3. Truman Doctrine – Military aid provided to any nation in order to prevent the spread of Communism (Containment)
4. GI Bill - Benefits given to WWII veterans including money for tuition and low cost mortgates
5. Baby Boom – Huge growth in population following WWII resulted in largest generation in American history
6. Levittown – The first master-planned community in America
7. Beat Movement – Part of counter culture movement; rejecting standards of 1950s
8. President Eisenhower – 34th President from 1953-1961 Republican; Had been Supreme Commander of Allied Forces during WWII
9. Interstate Highway Act – (1956) Creation of national network of highways in order to aid military mobility and aid evacuation
10. Eisenhower Doctrine – Provided economic aid to the Middle East (Middle **East**)
11. Brinkmanship – Idea of pushing events to the brink of danger in order to force a retreat (Cold War tactic)
12. U2 Incident – U.S. spy plane shot down in Soviet airspace spying on military bases.
13. Kennedy/Nixon Debates – First Presidential debates ever shown on TV
14. President John F. Kennedy – 35th President from 1961 until assassination in 1963; Democrat from Massachusetts
15. Camelot – Nickname of Kennedy’s Presidency because it had promise for the future; best and brightest figures
16. TV News Coverage of the Civil Rights Movement – Helped many Americans turn their sympathies toward enduring racial segregation
17. Effects of Air Conditioning – More people moved to the South because of this
18. Effects of Personal Computers – Gave a few Americans a glimpse of future technologies
19. Cold War – Non-military war between Soviet Union and United States involving several major events in history
20. Sputnik I – First artificial satellite launched in 1957 by the Soviet Union. Victory in Space Race for USSR
21. Space Race – Led to creation of new technologies to later influence the coutry