CHAPTER 26: The Dynamic 1950s

Visual Review

The End of the Korean War
Events lead to a ceasefire and stalemate in Korea.

The New Look
Eisenhower plans new Cold War strategies.

The Rise of the Developing World
Newly independent nations are focus of Cold War strategies.

Hungary and the Suez, 1956
Conflicts in Europe and the Middle East have Cold War implications.

France’s Vietnam War
The United States begins its support of South Vietnam.

McCarthyism and the Red Scare
Senator Joseph McCarthy searches for communist conspiracies in the United States.

The Eisenhower Era

A Dynamic Decade

The Baby Boom
Postwar spawns an unprecedented population growth.

Suburban Migrations—Urban Decline
Millions leave U.S. cities for the suburbs.

Consumer Nation
American consumption increases dramatically.

Corporate Order and Industrial Labor
Corporations forge a new model, while workers and unions prosper.
Brown and the Legal Assault
NAACP challenges segregation in the courts.

Boots on the Ground
Grassroots activists organize the Montgomery bus boycott.

Showdown in Little Rock
Little Rock is a test case for the Brown ruling.

MLK and the Philosophy of Nonviolence
Martin Luther King, Jr., leads a nonviolent resistance to segregation.

Auto Mania
The Auto Industry becomes a critical link in the postwar economy.

Oil Culture
Oil demand spurs economy and impacts national security.

Television
Television becomes the main source of information and entertainment.

Old Time Religion
Religion increases its role in public life.

Women in the 1950s
Differing social values cause contradictions for women.

Organization Men
Social changes transform life for American men as well.

Teens, Rebels, and Beats
Young people actively shape American culture.

Religion increases its role in public life.