

The Century: Peter Jennings  
The Best Years: 1946-1952

1. What does Churchill warn the world about in Missouri in 1946? How is it received in the USSR?
2. What was the situation for American GI's after WWII? What was the GI Bill?
3. Explain the transformation of the American economy between 1945-1947.
4. What is Levittown and why is it important for America's middle class?
5. What was the baby boom and how do women's roles change?
6. What situation did Black veterans confront after WWII? How does President Truman respond?
7. Who is Jackie Robinson and why is he significant for baseball and America itself?
8. What is America's place in the world and how did Americans feel about themselves after the war?
9. How had Russia been impacted by the war? Germany? The rest of Europe?

10. What is the Marshal Plan and what did the U.S. fear would happen without aide?
11. How did Soviet troops treat the German people during and after the war? Why?
12. What does Stalin do to try and get the U.S. out of West Berlin? How does the U.S. respond?
13. What happens in China in 1949 that shocks America?
14. Why does the U.S. send troops to Korea in 1950? What other nations also had troops there?
15. How did the American people view the Korean War?
16. Who is Joseph McCarthy and why was he able to do what he did? How was Hollywood involved?
17. Why does Truman fire MacArthur?
18. What was the hydrogen bomb and why did it signal a new age in the Cold War?
19. What impact does television have on politics and society?