**APUSH CHAPTER 30 STUDY GUIDE**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer each focus question. **Begin each answer with a topic statement, then support with facts**.

1. What caused the low unemployment rate and the great growth in GNP from 1945 to 1960? How widespread was the prosperity?
2. What factors combined to stimulate the rapid population expansion and economic growth that characterized the American West in the post-World War II era?
3. What major advances in benefits did the major labor unions obtain in the late 1940s and 1950? What challenges did the labor movement face?
4. Describe how the prewar groundwork in antibiotics and immunization flowered after 1945. What major diseases were virtually eliminated in the U.S.?
5. How had the use of computers expanded by the early 1950s? What company dominated the computer market in these years?
6. Describe the process by which the U.S. developed reliable ICBMs. Why was this military effort so critical to the space program?
7. What impact did the Soviet launching of Sputnik have in the U.S.?
8. Explain the expanded role of advertising and consumer credit. Why can it be said that the prosperity of the 1950s and 1960s was substantially consumer-driven?
9. What was the appeal of Levittown and similar suburban developments? How did typical suburbs transform family life and shape women's attitudes?
10. What was the extent of "hard core" poverty in the otherwise prosperous nation? What groups predominated in this "hard core"?
11. Why was so much of rural America still mired in poverty as late as 1960?
12. Describe the process that led to large pockets of poverty-stricken minorities in northern and southwestern cities. Why did so many of these people remain poor at a time of growing national affluence?
13. From what segment of society did President Dwight Eisenhower draw most of the members of his administration? How did these men and women differ from their 1920s counterparts of similar background?
14. Contrast Eisenhower's attitude toward new social legislation with his approach to existing programs.
15. What led to the demise of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the end of the Red Scare?
16. Why did John Foster Dulles move the United States toward the policy of massive retaliation?
17. How did the Korean War end?
18. Describe Ho Chi Minh's background motives and sources of support in his defeat of the French. Why did the Truman administration support the French?
19. Why did Ngo Dinh Diem and his government in the southern part of Vietnam refuse to participate in the reunification elections called for by the Geneva accords of 1954?
20. What led to increasing animosity toward the United States on the part of many Latin Americans? What did the Guatemalan incident reveal about American intentions?
21. What led to Fidel Castro's rise in Cuba? How did the United States deal with his new regime?
22. What did the Hungarian Revolution and the U-2 incident reveal about the nature of the United States-Soviet relationship in the late 1950s and into 1960?