

## **America the Story of US: Superpower**

1. Postwar America will be turbulent, dynamic, and overwhelming—more change and more progress than in the last \_\_\_\_\_ years put together.
2. The average American family earns \_\_\_\_\_ more than they do in Europe.
3. America's sheer \_\_\_\_\_ threatens to pull it apart. The land mass is 9 million square miles and the \_\_\_\_\_ system isn't working.
4. Back in 1811, the rivers were America's first highways when the paddle \_\_\_\_\_ is launched, taking goods up river as well as down.
5. The interstate highway becomes the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ project in American history and cost the nation \$129 billion.
6. Today, there are 46,876 miles of interstate \_\_\_\_\_, enough to wrap nearly \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.
7. In 1946, \_\_\_\_\_ cars are manufactured in America.
8. In 1955, the U.S. is making \_\_\_\_\_ of the world's automobiles, more than 20,000 cars a day roll off production lines across the country (4 times as many as the \_\_\_\_\_ at its height).
9. \_\_\_\_\_ million houses are built over the next decade.
10. 1 million acres are ploughed under each year of the 1950s for \_\_\_\_\_ plots—3,000 acres a day.
11. Levitt & Sons are family builders and they'll give their name to America's most famous post-war housing: the Levittown where they finish building a house every \_\_\_\_\_.
12. By 1951, Levittown, New York has 17,000 \_\_\_\_\_ new homes, and a second town is built in Philadelphia.
13. In 1913, Los Angeles booms when the LA aqueduct brings in \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In 1952, \$250 million worth of Air Con units are sold, and America's toughest \_\_\_\_\_ opened up for housing.
15. Labor saving domestic appliances free people to do more with their time. In 1920 the family wash took 6 \_\_\_\_\_ and now only takes 45 \_\_\_\_\_.
16. In 1959, the Boeing 707 flies between \_\_\_\_\_ and Los Angeles, cutting the journey down from 4 days to 6 hours.
17. In 1961, John F. Kennedy tells the world that America will put a man on the \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Less than 30 seconds of \_\_\_\_\_ are left on Apollo 11 when the landing craft touched down on the moon.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ landing unites America and is the greatest scientific achievement.
20. By 1861, there were 4 million \_\_\_\_\_ in America, and they helped to fuel a 2 billion dollar \_\_\_\_\_ boom that made the south rich.
21. The south is segregated with separate \_\_\_\_\_, separate buses, separate restaurants and more.
22. Change begins when 1 million black \_\_\_\_\_ join up in World War II, and are the beginnings of the modern civil rights movement.
23. The Civil Rights movement of the 1960s will use \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to convince the world that the time for freedom has come and that African-Americans are ready to fight for justice.
24. The voice of the modern civil rights movement and its most determined and eloquent leader is \_\_\_\_\_ Jr.
25. A year after the march on Washington the \_\_\_\_\_ is passed through congress which extended voting rights, outlawed radical discrimination and ended segregation.
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ becomes American's greatest rival on the world stage.
27. Both countries stockpile \_\_\_\_\_ to defend themselves against possible attack from each other.
28. By the mid-1950s there are over \_\_\_\_\_ defense contractors working for the federal government.
29. In 1959, America's first intercontinental ballistic \_\_\_\_\_ is made and can travel 3,500 miles and destroys cities.
30. In 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis took place, which was a standoff with \_\_\_\_\_ over nuclear weapons in America's backyard.
31. Communism and \_\_\_\_\_ are considered threats to the nation's \_\_\_\_\_ and are felt to be too close for comfort.