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| **1950s Vocabulary Sleuth** **Directions:** Read & discuss these scenarios with your team. Then respond to the questions. When signaled to do so join a new team and create a workable definition for each term. |

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| 1. **H-Bomb**

If you thought the nuclear bombs that dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bad, The United States and Soviet Union made a Hydrogen Bomb that is 67 times more explosive than the nuclear blast at Hiroshima. Is the world safer now? Explain.  | 2. **Brinkmanship**Now that there are H-Bombs in both the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. President Eisenhower says that the United States is not afraid of an all-out war against the U.S.S.R. What is the Soviet Union going to do about this and why? Is this going to lead to anything bad? | 1. **Warsaw Pact**

The Soviet Union & its satellites fear the West & NATO, so they create an alliance of their own to defend against an attack by NATO. Do you think this was a wise decision by the U.S.S.R.? Explain  | 4. **Eisenhower Doctrine**A war nearly erupts over the Suez Canal, now Communism is threatening to spread into the Middle East. Ike says no way, the U.S. will do whatever it takes to stop the REDS from moving into that region. Is this a smart move by Eisenhower? Explain |
| 5. **GI Bill**WWII is going to end soon & over 15 million American soldiers will be returning home to find work & a place to live. Unemployment will skyrocket & there will be a housing shortage. The U.S. plans to send GI’s to college, help them start businesses & purchase homes with government loans. Do you think this was a good plan? Why? | 6**. Baby Boom**Now that we kicked those fascists out of Europe and Asia it’s time to settle down at home and start a family. Plus there’s great medicine now so a baby is going to be born every 7 seconds which will make this the largest generation ever! What are the effects of all these people going to have on the country?  | 7. **Suburb**The war is over, cities are crowded but I just moved outside the city and have a nice white picket fence and a spacious, green backyard. I have all the conveniences of the city, but none of the negatives. Are suburbs the best places to live? Explain. | 8. **Conformity**The 1950s are so idyllic. So nice and peaceful. A lot of us have nice jobs, live in nice areas, we do not like to question what is going and like to fit in. Do you lose individuality as you conform? Explain.  |
| 9. **Blue Collar/White Collar**The 1950s, Happy Days! It’s a new world in the American workforce, more people are leaving their factory jobs for management jobs that require a college education, thank you GI Bill! How will these new jobs change America? | 10. **Consumerism**Now we have some money we want to spend it! The more material goods I have the better I am as a person. I want to keep up with the Beydouns. Is this a good way to live your life? Explain.  | 11. **Beat Movement**I’m sick of how boring and heartless the suburbs are. I’m going to hang out with my artist friends and not conform to society's rules. Who needs a 9 to 5 job and new car anyway? Is it good to be part of the counterculture? Explain. | 12. **White Flight**It’s the 1950s, America’s cities are crowded, loud, dirty & face rising crime. Middle income “white” families see opportunities to start raise families in brand new, clean, quiet neighborhoods, so they pack-up & move out of the city. How will this impact America’s big cities? |

**Based on these scenarios, make a working definition of the following terms.**

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