

**Reviewing Key Terms:** From the box below choose the term that best matches each description. Write the letter of the answer in the space provided.

a. baby boom	c. inflation	e. beatnik
b. productivity	d. standard of living	f. suburb

- \_\_\_\_ 1. person who rebelled against American culture in the 1950's
- \_\_\_\_ 2. average output per worker
- \_\_\_\_ 3. rising prices that caused demands for higher wages
- \_\_\_\_ 4. community outside the cities
- \_\_\_\_ 5. sudden increase in the number of children born in the late 1940s and 1950s
- \_\_\_\_ 6. economic index based on the amount of goods, services, and leisure time people have

**Understanding the Main Ideas:** Circle the word or phrase in parentheses that best completes each sentence.

1. Congress passed the ( G.I. Bill of Rights , Federal-Aid Highway Act ) to help soldiers returning home from World War II.
2. When the war ended in 1945, ( deflation , inflation ) was a major problem because price and wage controls were no longer in place.
3. Improvements in ( health care and nutrition , wages and unemployment ) contributed to the baby boom.
4. During the 1950s, the American economy grew rapidly because of government spending and ( new technology , foreign investment ).
5. Many people bought homes in the suburbs in the 1950s, causing central cities to ( boom , decline ).
6. The increase in ( suburban housing , automobiles ) encouraged Congress to fund 40,000 miles of highway.
7. Elvis Presley popularized the new music style known as ( jazz , rock-and-roll ).

