

Guided Reading Activity

Postwar America, 1945–1960

Lesson 1 *Truman and Eisenhower*

Review Questions: Outlining

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Return to a Peacetime Economy

- A.** After the war, many Americans feared the economy would fall into a _____.
- B.** However, the economy continued to grow because of _____.
- C.** The Servicemen's Readjustment Act, also called the _____, provided funds to veterans to help them _____, _____, and _____.
- D.** The _____ outlawed the closed shop, which was the practice of forcing business owners to _____.

II. Truman's Program

- A.** In 1948, Truman asked Congress to pass a civil rights bill that would protect African Americans' _____, abolish _____, and make _____ a federal crime.
- B.** During the 1948 election, Truman attacked Congress as a _____ Congress. Though untrue, many Americans believed this, and he won a stunning reelection victory over _____.
- C.** The president's new domestic agenda was called _____. Congress raised _____, increased _____, and provided for construction of _____.

III. The Eisenhower Years

- A.** Eisenhower believed in _____, which was balancing economic conservatism with _____ in areas that would benefit the country.
- B.** His administration believed that _____ was vital to the country. He attempted to cut _____ and its aid to businesses, which he called _____.
- C.** Eisenhower authorized two large government projects: _____ and the _____.
- D.** During his second term, Eisenhower extended _____, agreed to raise _____, and continued aid to _____.

