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Section One: Profiles

This section contains 34 profiles of individuals and families living and working in the 1950s. It examines lives at home, at work, and in their neighborhoods. Based upon historic materials, personal interviews, and diaries, the profiles give a sense of what it was like to live in the years 1950 to 1959.

Phone Company Veteran, St. Louis, Missouri	
Former Slave & Proud Matriarch, South Carolina	
GI-Bill Navy Enlistee, California to Korea	
Italian Immigrant & Business Executive, Livingston, New Jersey	
Olympic Hurdler, Cleveland, Ohio	
Korean War Hero, South Carolina	
Family Life in the Military, Wichita, Kansas	
Jewish Immigrants, Poland to Bangor, Maine	
Mothers Against Comic Books, Bronx, New York	
Father of FM Radio, New York City	
Yale Scholar from Jackson Hole, Wyoming	
Family Doctor, Charleston, South Carolina	
Benefactor for College Bound Girls, Trenton, New Jersey	
French Fry Entrepreneur, Idaho	
Casino Operator, Las Vegas, Nevada	
Hotel Worker, Puerto Rico to New York City	
Environmental Advocate, Utah and Colorado	
Race Car Driver, Charlotte, North Carolina	
Single Mother & Teacher, Queens New York to Florida	
Typical American Teenager, Poland to Benton Harbor, Michigan	
Television Fanatics, Grand Rapids, Michigan	
Young Carpenter, Minneapolis, Minnesota	
Actress in West Side Story, Chicago to New York City	
Cotton Broker, Gulf Port, Mississippi	
Mother & Phonics Advocate, Homestead, Florida	
Student Refugee, Hungary to Cleveland, Ohio	
Grape Juice Company Sales Manager, Westfield, New York	
Jazz Musician, New York City	
Competitive Bowler, Homestead, Florida	
Single Young Hairdresser, Seattle, Washington	
Science Teacher in the Age of Sputnik, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	
Rock 'n' Roll Musician, Tennessee State Prison	
Inventor of the Microchip, Dallas, Texas	
Hospital Worker & Union Organizer, New York City	

Section Two: Historical Snapshots

This section includes lists of important “firsts” for America, from technical advances and political events to new products and top selling books. Combining serious American history with fun facts, these snapshots present, in chronological categories, an easy-to-read overview of what happened in the 1950s.

Early 1950s
Mid 1950s
Late 1950s

Section Three: Economy of the Times

This section looks at a wide range of economic data, including food, clothing, transportation, housing and other selected prices, with reprints of actual advertisements for products and services of the time. It includes figures for three years—1953, 1955 and 1958—in the following categories.

Consumer Expenditures
Annual Income
Selected Prices
Value of a Dollar Index 1860–2010

Section Four: All Around Us—What We Saw, Wrote, Read & Listened To

This section includes reprints of newspaper and magazine articles, letters, posters, and others items designed to help the reader focus on what was on the minds of Americans in the 1950s. These printed pieces show how popular opinion was formed, and how American life was affected in this decade.

All Around Us—1950s
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Section Five: Census Summary & Comparison Data

This section includes actual Census material, including a comprehensive U.S. report that summarizes individual responses, and data tables that compare principal cities at the time.

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