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Use the vocabulary words and definitions below as a reference for this unit.

armistice a truce or agreement to stop fighting

automate to use machines to control the
production of goods

boycott to refuse to buy or use as a means of
protest

Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision that ruled
schools could not be segregated (1954);
ruled that “separate but equal” was
unconstitutional

debate a regulated discussion by persons with
opposing views

GI Bill of Rights a 1944 law which provided financial and
educational benefits for World War II
veterans; also called the Serviceman’s
Readjustment Act

Gross National Product (GNP)... the value of all goods and services
produced by the country in a year

H-bomb extremely powerful nuclear weapon
developed by the United States and
Soviet Union after World War II; stands
for *hydrogen bomb*

nonviolent protests peaceful methods of demanding change

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nuclear war war fought with nuclear weapons

peaceful coexistence to live without threat of violence

refugee person who flees his or her country
because of hostility or unfair practices

segregate to separate people on the basis of race,
class, or ethnic group

Sputnik the first Earth-orbiting, artificial
satellite; built by the Soviet Union

Vietcong Communists who attempted to
overthrow South Vietnamese
government

Who's Who in Postwar America

Fidel Castro	Joseph McCarthy
Ngo Dinh Diem	Richard M. Nixon
Dwight D. Eisenhower	Rosa Parks
Ho Chi Minh	Jackson Pollack
John F. Kennedy	Joseph Stalin
Nikita Krushchev	Harry S Truman
Martin Luther King, Jr.	