

End of Instruction Notes

Day 3

1950—Rosenberg Trial—American communists spy case—Ethel and Julius Rosenberg convicted of heading spy ring and selling atomic bomb secrets to USSR. Executed in 1953. After the fall of the Soviet Union papers revealed their guilt.

Mid 1950s—TVs, Rock-n-Roll, 1956 Elvis Presley 1st white Rock-n-Roll Star

Baby Boom—population increase after WWII affected schooling, housing, job opportunities and now retirements, and social security

Civil Rights—1950-1960s

Dejure segregation—by law defacto segregation—by social conditions

1942—CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) used sit-ins to desegregate restaurants

1954—Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas—Supreme Court ruled separate but equal facilities were no longer permissible. Because there was no equality. This overturned the Plessy v. Ferguson case (1890s). Schools had to desegregate. Thurgood Marshall—NAACP lawyer who argued Brown v. Board, later became the 1st African American on Supreme Court in 1967

1955—Rosa Parks—Montgomery Bus Boycott. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) became spokesperson for Civil Rights. He supported non-violent protest and headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

1957—Little Rock Arkansas High School—Gov. refused to integrate used the National Guard to keep blacks out. President Eisenhower placed National Guard under federal command to guard African American students.

1960—SNCC (Student for Non-violent Coordinating Committee) college students across the US organized their efforts to desegregate public facilities

1961—Freedom Rides—protest on segregated bus lines. Buses attacked and this moved JFK to begin to support the Civil Rights Movement with protection

1962—James Meredith 1st black student at “Ole Miss”. Rioters used bricks, bottle, acid, shotguns JFK called out 500 US Marshalls that used tear gas. Next day 160 marshals were injured JFK called out the army

1963—March on Washington, MLK gave his “I Have a Dream” speech

Malcolm X—Black Muslim believed in black nationalism (separate black self govern communities) Black Panthers were followers of Malcolm X. He broke with the Black Muslims after a scandal. Went to Mecca, came back and preached that blacks and whites could live together peacefully. He was assassinated in 1965 by Black Muslims