

SIX WORD STORY

Summarize the most important information concerning this image in 6 words.

Consider the following:

- What do you see?
- 2. Was this image captured recently or long ago?
- 3. What happened immediately before and/or after this picture was taken?4. Why is this cartoon significant for the
- 1950s?
- 5. What does the image reveal about American life?



THE GROWTH OF SUBURBIA



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- 2. What story is being told?
- 3. Who is most greatly impacted?
- 4. Explain the needs of the American people?
- 5. How did society change for America in the 1950s?

CHANGING AMERICAN LIFE

The performance of the American economy in the decades after World War II appeared to many contemporaries to be, as one historian wrote at the time, "the crossing of a great divide in the history of humanity." It was often described as an "economic miracle." ... The average family income grew as much in the ten years after World War II as it had grown in the previous fifty years combined. Between 1940 and 1965, average income grew from about \$2,200 per family per year to just under \$8,000; when adjusted for inflation, that means average family incomes almost tripled.

These years also saw a significant decrease in (although not a disappearance of) poverty in America. The percentage of families below the official poverty line in 1950 was 30 percent. By 1960 it had dropped to 22 percent and by the 1960s, it had dropped to under 14 percent. Between 1950 and 1970, in other words, poverty declined by over 60 percent.

THE POLIO VACCINE

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POVERTY AMID PROSPERITY

African Americans	Hispanic Americans	Native Americans	Appalachia

THE LAUNCH OF SPUTNIK



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