



ISD Virtual Learning

11th Grade/U.S. History

Lesson #21

The Growth of Suburbs

April 20th, 2020



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Objective/Learning Target: Explain the importance and the impact on the new developed Suburbs and the significance of Levittown, PA with the growth of housing developments across the U.S.

Warm Up

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Some possible answers

1. Floor to ceiling closet
2. Large bedrooms
3. Divided living areas
4. Great architecture to entertain guest
5. Individual expression in picking out the interior features of the home
6. Patio with sliding glass doors
7. Modern kitchen
8. Washing machine in the house

Lesson Activity

Read about the Suburban Lifestyle and answer the questions that follow.

Label your paper as Lesson #20, April 17 The Growth of Suburbs and begin below:

The Suburban Lifestyle



Achieving job security took a psychological toll on some Americans who resented having to repress their own personalities. However, it also enabled people to provide their families with the so-called good things in life. Most Americans worked in cities, but fewer and fewer of them lived there. New highways and the availability and affordability of automobiles and gasoline made commuting possible. By the early 1960s every large city in the United States was surrounded by suburbs. Of the 13 million new homes built in the 1950s, 85 percent were built in the suburbs. For many people, the suburbs embodied the American Dream of an affordable single-family house, good schools, a safe, healthy environment for children, and congenial neighbors just like themselves.

Lesson Activity

1950s newsreel about the building of suburbia in Levittown

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OApZePeJSdU>



Lesson

1. From the text information provided, how would you define what a suburb is?
2. Explain 3 things that attracted people to move to the suburbs in the 1950s and 60s.
3. Explain how construction crews were more efficient in developing suburban neighborhoods like the one shown in Levittown.
4. What percent of new homes built in the 1950s were built in the suburbs?
 - A) 25%
 - B) 55%
 - C) 75%
 - D) 85%

Reflection: 2020 Millennials moving from Suburbs to the rural parts of America.

Why Millennials are moving away from large cities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjZu5AU3NYI&t=19s>

After watching the video think about where you live in Independence (the suburbs of Kansas City). Would you want to continue to live in the suburbs or would you want to be one of those many Americans that is moving away from the suburbs to the rural communities across America or even the Downtown of a major city and what would be some of your reasons to stay in the suburbs or move?

Additional Resources

Check out these links for more information on this topic

Levittown: Quintessential 1950s Suburbia (3:01)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-dFueHpRY8>

Ideal White 1950s Families Should Live in Suburbia (1:36)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uudrwsdz9NE>

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Answers

1. Suburban areas are developments that grow on the perimeter of urban areas farther away from the noise, pollution and crowds near manufacturing centers.
2. Affordable housing, good schools, safety, and clean neighborhoods were all attractions to the suburbs.
3. Planning crews consolidated designs and materials that could be used efficiently on multiple housing units.
4. D 85%