**Honors U.S. History**

**“The Story of Us – *Superpower*”**

Answer the following as you view the documentary:

1. Describe the post-war “inebriation” of America.
2. What threatened to pull America apart?
3. How did President Eisenhower respond to the nation’s need for improved infrastructure?
4. Create a brief timeline of the history of travel in the United States.
5. What becomes the biggest engineering project in America’s history?
6. How was this project similar to the railroads in the previous century?
7. Describe the interstate project.
8. How many miles of interstate are there in America today?
9. How many cars were manufactured in America in 1946?
10. Describe the “age of the automobile.”
11. What happened to many American towns in this era?
12. What was America’s next great invention?
13. What was the Baby Boom?
14. How did the Baby Boom impact housing in America?
15. What was America’s most famous post-war housing? Describe it.
16. How did technology impact the way homes were built throughout U.S. history?
17. What is one of the common themes running through American history?
18. What was the impetus for the Apollo Space program?
19. Which president told the world that America would put a man on the moon first?
20. How many Americans worked directly on Apollo 11?
21. How many gallons of fuel did it take to get to the moon?
22. “That’s one small step for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, one giant leap for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Neil Armstrong
23. What events had led up to that “summer night in 1969?”
24. What “fault line” was changing the nation in the 1960s?
25. In what year did the first slaves arrive in Virginia?
26. How many slaves were there in America by 1861?
27. How many were killed in the Chicago Race Riots in 1919?
28. How did WWII impact the civil rights movement in America?
29. What happened in July 1948 concerning race?
30. What motivated the civil rights movement of the 1960s?
31. Who was the voice of the civil rights movement?
32. Why do you think he organized a march on Washington?
33. What was part of the impact of Dr. King’s march on Washington?
34. What took place in July of 1945 in New Mexico?
35. Who else had tested a “weapon of mass destruction” in 1949?
36. What was the Cold War?
37. Describe the impact of the Cold War on domestic America.
38. How many defense contractors are working for the federal government by the mid-1950s?
39. What is an ICBM?
40. Describe events in the 1960s that escalated tension between the two superpowers.