CLASS-Online

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**“Highway to Hell: The Influence of Sex, Drugs, & Rock and Roll in America”**

1. The Times They are a Changing, (Destruction of the Family 3/1)

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**I. The World of the 40s & 50s**

Depression & WWII

Growing Prosperity & Materialism

Conservatism & Social Rigidity

**II. Significant Events That Affected Attitudes in the 1960s**

Cold War

Korean War (1950-53)

Communism & McCarthyism

Bay of Pigs & Cuban Missile Crisis

JFK Assassination

Kids Reject Their Parents World

**III. The Counter Culture**

Rejection of Government, Military, Big Business, Church

Changes in Laws

The Beats of the 1950s (Jack Kerouac & Allen Ginsberg

The Beatniks

The Hippie Movement

**IV. Sexual Revolution**

Not Confined to Just the Counter Culture

Rise in Premarital Sex, Multiple Partners & Divorce

Gay Rights Gain Ground

**V. Drugs**

The Rise of LSD  
Timothy Leary Promotes Turn On. Tune In. Drop Out

Ken Kesey and the Acid Tests

**VI. Music**

The Soundtrack of the Times

Music for Every Occasion

New and Eclectic Styles: Aggressive & Edgy

Different Bands Represented the New Styles

Woodstock the Pivotal Event of the Counter Culture

**VII. The Search For Meaning**

Rejected Church but Still Searched for Meaning

Filling the God-Shaped Vacuum in Your Heart