**1950’s Conformity and Rebellion Prompt**

**Prompt:**“The 1950s were a decade of political, social, and cultural conformity.” Support, modify, or refute this statement.

*(Historical Thinking Skill= Periodization)*

**Model Introduction Paragraph:**

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| **Context:** SET THE STAGE  Example:  *In the 1950’s, the United States was experiencing economic prosperity that was fostered by the manufacturing boom from WWII and government policies such as the G.I. Bill. However, there was also a growing fear of communism, both at home and abroad. Despite the pressure to conform to “traditional” American ideals, the U.S. also saw cracks of rebellion emerging in society.* |
| **Thesis:** WHAT IS YOUR MAIN ARGUMENT?  Example:  *The tension between conformity and challenges to “traditional American values” in the 1950’s can be seen socially through the expectation of conformity perpetuated* ***politically*** *through the fears of the Second Red Scare and* ***socially*** *by the popularization of the suburbs and middle class values. A push back against conformity can be seen* ***culturally*** *through the social**tension as groups and individuals began to push for equality and individuality in the cases of the growing Civil Rights Movement and the emergence of the teenager.*  *You can also choose several other “Category options” such as economically, etc.*  ***OR***  *You show social tensions and conformity, political tensions and conformity.* |

**Your Introduction Paragraph:**

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| Context: |
| Thesis: |