Preparation Questions for Wed, April 11 – Chapter 25

Consider the chapter title. In what ways was the 1950s a time of “troubled innocence”?

What were challenges in transitioning to peacetime? In what ways did the US maintain its military readiness, even in peacetime?

What were characteristics of the postwar economic boom?

What other kinds of “booms” were there in the late 1940s and 1950s?

Describe popular culture of the 1950s.

How did the movement for black civil rights develop between 1945 and 1960? What kinds of resistance did that movement face?

A popular campaign pin of the 1950s about President Eisenhower said “I Like Ike.” He seemed likeable and moderate. What was he like as a president? What were his accomplishments and failures?

What do you think is notable about the election of 1960?

Identify the 5 most important terms / concepts from this reading (and WHY they are important)