**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 25—Troubled Innocence, 1945-1961**

* **What were the most important challenges facing the United States in the post-war period, and how did these challenges affect American society?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below with the new challenges faced by post-World War II American and explain the impacts of these challenges on American society. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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|  | **Challenges** | **Impact on American society** |
| **Peacetime Transitions and the Boom Years** |  |  |
| **The Culture of the 1950s** |  |  |
| **The Growth of the Civil Rights Movement** |  |  |
| **Domestic Politics in the Eisenhower Era** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the question:*

* **What were the most important challenges facing the United States in the post-war period, and how did these challenges affect American society?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*