**Chapter 27**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

THE COLD WAR

* What was the “New Look” in U.S. foreign policy under President Eisenhower?
* How did the United States use military intervention or CIA covert activities as a tool of foreign policy in the 1950s?

CULTURAL CURRENTS

* How did prosperity shape living patterns in the 1950s?
* What developments challenged the dominant norms regarding consumer culture in the 1950s?

CIVIL RIGHTS

* Why was *Brown v. Board of Education* such a pivotal case in the history of the civil rights movement?
* Why did the Montgomery bus boycott succeed?

LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD

* Compare and contrast the culture and society of the 1920s with that of the 1950s.
* What tensions in 1950s America suggest defining aspects of the 1960s?