**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 27—The Politics and Culture of Abundance, 1952–1960**

* **What were the successes and limitations of America's “culture of abundance” in the 1950s?**

***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 to help yourself identify the successes and limitations of America's ”culture of abundance.” If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the successes and limitations in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Successes** | **Limitations** |
| **Consumer culture** |  |  |
| **Domesticity and religion** |  |  |
| **Culture and politics** |  |  |
| **Foreign policy** |  |  |

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

* **What were the successes and limitations of America's “culture of abundance” in the 1950s?**

*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.*