

After the war, Americans turned their energies to the development of peacetime technologies.

Industries benefiting from new technologies:

Airline industry -jets

Automobile industry and interstate highway system

Entertainment and news media industry

Exploration of space

Computer industry

Satellite systems - telecommunications (pagers, cell phones, television)

Internet

Impact of new technologies on American life

Increased domestic and international travel for business and pleasure

Greater access to news and other information

Cheaper and more convenient means of communication

Greater access to heating and air-conditioning

Decreased regional variation, resulting from nationwide access to entertainment and information provided by national television and radio programming, Internet services, computer games

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the key domestic issues during the second half of the twentieth century by:
b) describing the development of new technologies and their impact on American life.