

Population Changes

Trace how major changes reshaped life in the United States.

USII.8.d “describing the impact of the baby boom, the changing demographics of the United States, and the ending of the military draft; and”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that name a population or military-service change. Circle the effect each change had on people, communities, or the military.

A Nation in Transition

- ① After World War II, the United States experienced a baby boom, a large rise in births from 1946 to 1964. Many young families needed homes, schools, and services. Builders put up suburban neighborhoods, often outside cities. Local governments built classrooms and hired teachers as the large generation moved through school. Businesses sold more family products, such as appliances, cars, and children’s clothing. Years later, this large group affected colleges, jobs, housing, and programs for older adults as its members reached new stages of life.
- ② At the same time, the nation’s population changed in where people lived and in their backgrounds. Many Americans moved from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West, regions sometimes called the Sunbelt. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 changed immigration rules and helped increase immigration from Asia, Latin America, and other parts of the world. Cities and towns became more diverse. These changes influenced languages, foods, traditions, workplaces, and the need for schools and public services to serve many communities.
- ③ During the Vietnam War, many men were selected for military service through a draft. In 1973, the United States ended the draft and began relying on an all-volunteer military. People now choose whether to enlist, and the armed forces recruit people for military careers. Ending the draft changed who served and how the military found service members. It also meant that fewer families had a direct connection to required military service, while volunteers and their families carried more of the burden of service.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What are two community needs that grew because of the baby boom?

2 How did movement to the Sunbelt change where many Americans lived?

3 How did the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 help change U.S. communities?

4 What changed about military service after the draft ended in 1973?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about an imaginary U.S. town. Explain one effect of the baby boom, one effect of changing demographics, and one effect of ending the draft.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that name a population or military-service change. Circle the effect each change had on people, communities, or the military. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two community needs that grew because of the baby boom?	Homes and schools grew as needs. Services and more teachers were also needed.
2	How did movement to the Sunbelt change where many Americans lived?	Many Americans moved from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West.
3	How did the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 help change U.S. communities?	It helped increase immigration from Asia, Latin America, and other parts of the world, making cities and towns more diverse.
4	What changed about military service after the draft ended in 1973?	The United States relied on volunteers who chose to enlist, and the military recruited people for service.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After the baby boom, Pine Ridge built another elementary school because many young children lived there. As families from different regions and countries arrived, stores and schools added languages and traditions to daily life. After the draft ended, a neighbor chose to enlist, while other residents did not have to serve.

Accept equivalent cause-and-effect explanations supported by the passage. For the open response, each of the three sentences should accurately connect one required change to a realistic effect.