Postwar Years Interview Assignment Period 3

1. When did you get your first television and how did you feel about it? Did you view it as just a fad or as a lasting kind of technology?

2. What sort of programming was available? Of those, what did your watch? What did you take from it? What were your favorite shows?

1. What did you imagine technology would be like in the future, based on what was being

developed at the time?

4. What type of automobile did your family first own? What were other popular brands purchased in the 1950’s? Compare the automobiles from the 1950’s to today.

5. Can you discuss the prices of automobiles from the 1950’s compared to today? Can you compare the gas prices also from the 1950’s to today?

6. Compare phone usage from the 1950’s from today. What were some common complications with using the telephone?

7. What was your father’s occupation and role in the house? What was your mother’s role in the house? Did she have an occupation?

8. What were your responsibilities in the household? What form of discipline was used if the responsibilities were not met?

9. Describe a typical day at your home. What was family dinner like? How often did you have time with your family?

10. What were the movie theaters like back then? What was the biggest difference between theaters then and now?

11. How did music devices differ from those today? What do you find most interesting about music now?

12. Was there a wide variety in music? What genres were most popular? Which did you listen to most often?

13. What were kid’s perceptions of school? (Did they look forward to it or thought it was a waist of time?)

14. How popular were extracurricular activities to the students?

15. How intense was school security? What rules, regulations do you remember from school? How were students punished?

16. What was the most predominant sport in 1945-1960? What was the racial diversity compared to now in sports?

17. What would people in the 1950’s do with their leisure time considering they had more?

18. How did people in the 1950’s start to pick teams?