

The Mood of the 1950's

- 1. They appeared to have little interest in the problems and crises of the larger world.**
- 2. The strong economy eased financial pressures on many families.**
- 3. People were reacting to “godless communism” as well as the threat of nuclear war.**
- 4. They had enjoyed working outside the home during World War II, and they drew satisfaction from earning their own money.**
- 5. Their roles were so limited in the 1950's.**
- 6. They felt misunderstood and alienated and did not share all the same values as their parents.**
- 7. They were afraid it would cause an increase in immorality.**

8. Promoted spontaneity or acting at a moments notice without planning. They stressed the need for a release from a world where there was dependence on money and property. Challenged traditional patterns of respectability and shocked Americans with their open sexuality and use of illegal drugs. Predecessor to the hippie.

9. The leader of the “Beat Generation”. Wrote On the Road

10. Author of The Catcher in the Rye.

11. Poet, author of Howl. Beatnik, friend of Kerouac