THE HUMANITIES: Culture, Continuity, and Change

Chapter 6 – AFTER THE WAR: Existential Doubt, Artistic Triumph, and the Culture of Consumption

What did the philosophical movement of existentialism offer people? Why did Søren Kierkegaard say Christians must live in a state of anguish? According to Reinhold Niebuhr, what does religion provide?

What was Jean-Paul Sartre's basic premise? What did he say was the meaning to existence? What is the theme of Sartre's play *Huis Clos (No Exit)*?

Who wrote *The Second Sex*? Why did she believe women were satisfied with secondary status to men?

What type of character is Meursault in Albert Camus' *The Stranger*? Why does society condemn him?

What is theater of the absurd? What example does the textbook offer? How does it fit the "definition"?

Who were the Independents? What influenced their artistic efforts? Why did they call it Pop Art?

Which American painter helped define the genre of action painting? Why was it called that? How did Willem De Kooning's abstractions differ from this artist's?

Who were excluded from The Club? Why? Identify three women associated with Abstract Expressionism?

With what style are Mark Rothko and Helen Frankenthaler connected?

What are mobiles? How do they differ from other sculptures? And how does David Smith's *Blackburn: Song of an Irish Blacksmith* differ from that?

What did Beat Generation writers seek? What photographer was one of their contemporary heroes? Why?

With what did Jack Kerouac liken his writing process? What work best characterizes the Beat Generation?

What is *4' 33"*? Who composed it? How is it existential?

What artist invented combine paintings? What is Art of Collaboration and what is unique about it? What is the Happening? What did the audience contribute? What was the musical score designed to represent?

Why did Frank Lloyd Wright design the Guggenheim Museum as a spiral with a ramp and open rotunda?

What role does the media play in Pop Art? How is Andy Warhol's work an example of this? Who were Claes Oldenburg and Roy Lichtenstein? What was the basis for their respective work?

On what is most Minimalist Art based? What question does Minimalist Art seek to answer?

What landmark decision did the Supreme Court hand down in 1954? What did it declare?

Vocabulary:

Abstract Expressionism	*art brut*	Beat Generation
action painting	atheistic existentialism	