

# 2001 AP® UNITED STATES HISTORY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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Source: Special Message to the Congress from President Eisenhower on Education, January 1958.

Because of the national security interest in the quality and scope of our educational system in the years immediately ahead, however, the Federal Government must also undertake to play an emergency role. The Administration is therefore recommending certain emergency Federal action to encourage and assist greater effort in specific areas of national concern. These recommendations place principal emphasis on our national security requirements. . . .

If we are to maintain our position of leadership, we must see to it that today's young people are prepared to contribute the maximum to our future progress. Because of the growing importance of science and technology, we must necessarily give special—but by no means exclusive—attention to education in science and engineering.

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Source: Historical Statistics of the United States, Statistical Abstract of the United States, Department of Commerce.

	1949	1951	1953	1955	1957	1959
Life expectancy at birth, in years	68.0	68.4	68.8	69.6	69.5	69.6
GNP per capita, in 1958 dollars	\$2,172	\$2,495	\$2,507	\$2,650	\$2,642	\$2,688
Total government spending, in billions of dollars	\$40.6	\$45.8	\$76.8	\$68.5	\$76.7	\$92.1
Surplus or (deficit), in billions of dollars	\$1.0	\$7.6	(\$5.3)	(\$3.0)	\$3.2	(\$12.9)
Defense spending as percent of government spending	32.7%	51.1%	68.1%	63.2%	62.9%	57.9%