The Mood of the 1950s

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Section 2
Comfort and Society

- 1950s about conformity as opposed to individuality
- 1950s youth stayed in school longer with the stable economy – more leisure time
- Most conform to the “clean cut” style of teenager
- Resurgence in Religion – response to Cold War
Men’s and Women’s Roles

• Men’s role – go to school, find a job, support family
• Women’s Role – support to their husbands, keep house, cook, raise children
Challenges to Conformity

• More women begin working outside the home – more married women than unmarried women
• Films and books stressed keeping your own identity
• Rock-n-Roll Music – feared by adults
• “Beat Generation” - beatniks