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In A Nutshell

The modern American suburb was developed in order to meet the housing needs of millions of GIs returning from World War II. Similarly, the interstate highway system as we know it today was originally imagined as a way to assist those men in securing jobs in major city centers, while facilitating the growth of suburbs. It might sound simple, but these two twentieth-century phenomena ultimately altered the American landscape in complex ways: physically, environmentally, socially, politically, sexually, and racially.

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By 1950, the same assembly-line methods that had turned out an airplane every five minutes during World War II were being used to build almost four new houses per minute. In 1956, *Time* magazine called color TV "the most resounding industrial flop" of the year.

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