

Welcome to the American Dream



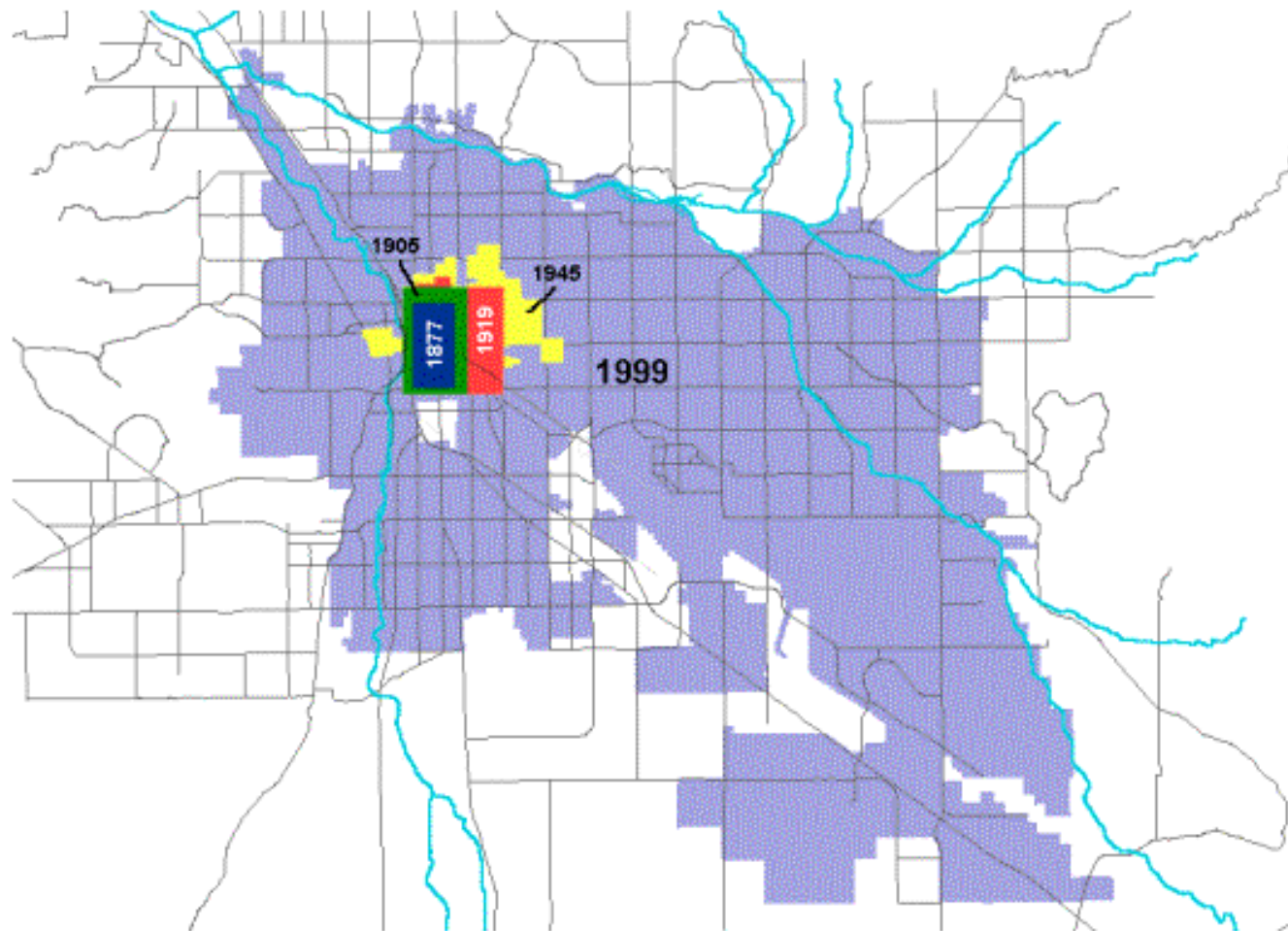
American Dream

- Suburbs almost entirely made up of white middle-class families.
- Enjoyed the some of the best schools, safest communities, and economically secure.
- Massive outpouring of community
 - Welcome wagons
 - Church events
 - Religious involvement
- Still found faults:
 - Sameness of homes
 - Lack of privacy
 - Decline of individuality

Suburbia

- 85% of all construction occurs in suburbs
- People moved there to escape crime, violence, and those of other racial backgrounds.
- Named the developments using “park,” “hills,” or other spacious and beautiful names.
- GI bill helped accelerate the move to the suburbs by giving low interest loans and paying parts of mortgages.

The growth of the City of Tucson



WRRC (1999) Water in the Tucson Area: Seeking Sustainability



Baby Boom

- By 1950 the U.S.'s national population grew by over 30 million.
- A baby was born every 7 seconds!
- A new school was opened every 7 days in Cali
- After-school programs exploded
- Kids shows introduced

Healthier America

- Dr. Salk
 - Invented the cure for Polio in 1954
 - Helped eradicate the disease along with Dr. Sabin
- Dr. Spock
 - Children's psychologist
 - Book sold more than any book, except for the Bible.
 - Spare the rod and be super warm and loving with child.



Woman's Place

- Women discouraged from going to college
- Place was in the home caring for their children
- Home Economics was the most popular class for women to take in school
- If they did not like this role they were considered to be mentally ill, unfit, etc
- Betty Friedan emerges as a leader of women's organizations.

On the provided notetaker

- Read pages 96-99 and fill in the boxes for each of the following questions using information found in your text:
 - Why did the Americans become involved?
 - What did the US do to contain Communism in this situation?
 - What problems did they face in containing the situation?
 - What was the outcome of this event?
 - Did the US succeed or fail (support with evidence)?