

Technology

1950-1959

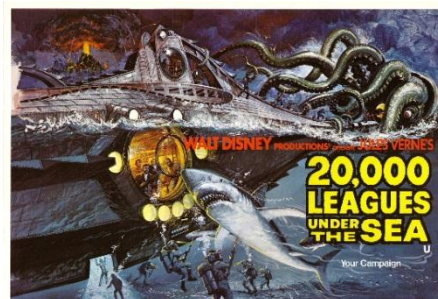
- Color Television
- Polio vaccine
- Xerox copier
- First credit card
- Super glue invented
- 1st diet sodas
- Birth control pills
- Internal pacemaker invented
- Hula hoop invented
- Laser invented
- Black box taped recorder in planes invented



Entertainment

1950-1959

- epic fantasy films, such as *The Ten Commandments* and *Ben-Hur*, were one approach
- 1952-1955 considered the “golden era” of 3-D films.
- *Creature from the Black Lagoon*, *Forbidden Planet*, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, *The Blob*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and *The War of the Worlds* were just a few of such films
- sitcoms gained popularity, such as *I Love Lucy*; talent/variety shows, game shows, and westerns
- radio was the most popular form of entertainment
- release of the vinyl LP (Long Playing) record in the early 1950s made it possible for people to play continuous music for much longer than before
- rock 'n' roll
- comic books
- toys like hula hoops became all the rage
- swimming at beaches was a popular new pastime
- Disneyland opened
- bowling becomes popular
- Marilyn Monroe is a celebrity
- Barbie becomes a fad



Fashion

1950-1959

Women

- below-mid-calf length, full-skirt, pointed bust, small waist, and rounded shoulder line.
- shirt-dresses and halter-top sundresses
- development of new synthetic and easy-care fabrics. Some of these fabrics are drip-dry nylon, orlon, and dacron, which could retain heat-set pleats after washing, acrylic, polyester, triacetate, and spandex
- casual sportswear was an increasingly large component of women's wardrobes.
- pantscropped to mid-calf called houseboy pants, while shorter pants, below the knee, were called pedal pushers. Shorts were very short in the early '50s, and mid-thigh length
- Natural hair with a light wave

Men

- suits for work and the Ivy League style for a relaxed occasion
 - consisted of cardigan sweaters, which was used for the letter sweater and cherished among athletes
- Suits consisted of dark blue, dark brown, and charcoal; the ties were also uniform and dark
- pink also became a color seen on men
- cowboy inspired shirts, and hats became a trendy accoutrement
- “Ducktail” hair inspired by *Grease* or neat and short

