

Fill in the blanks with the correct words

Student Name: _____

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prevalent, skirts, traced, deviance, benchmark, affordable, thriving, indulge, undertake, ubiquitous, exerted, gravitating, vital, threat, sufficiency, distinct, targeted, coincides, socks, adolescence

BIRTH OF THE COOL: THE EMERGENCE OF THE TEENAGER IN MID-20TH-CENTURY EUROPE

Puberty or _____, commonly situated between 12 and 20 years of age, is the time in which children start their road to self-_____, gaining independence from the home in which they grew up. The appearance of public education options in the 20th century, providing a more _____ and more accessible alternative to private and church schooling, was a _____ factor in this evolution.

While the earliest use of the word 'teenager' can be _____ to the 1900s, it wasn't until the 1950s that the term was commonly used. This _____ with the post-war economic boom in Western Europe: parents had fewer kids and more money to spend, as a result of which youth was increasingly _____ as a consumer market.

At the same time, teenagers became the drivers of their own subcultures in music, clothing, film, games, television programmes, books and magazines. While the mid-century bobby _____ and poodle _____ mainly _____ influence on how youngsters dressed, later fashion trends came to rule the entire market. T-shirts, mini-skirts and bell-bottom trousers thus became _____ from the 1960s onward.

The _____ economy of the 1980s and 1990s again allowed teens to _____ in their own fashion preferences, this time _____ to clothing featuring names and logos that more clearly identified them as a separate, interconnected community.

As tomorrow's adults, teenagers at the end of the century became trendsetters closely watched and serviced by all of society, giving rise to the notion of a 'teenocracy' as a replacement for the rule of the elders – the gerontocracy – that was in place previously.

The most surprising factor in the formation of _____ teen culture is the importance of emerging technologies. When cars became more _____ in the post-war period, teens gained the independence to _____ adventures, establish networks and develop relationships away from home – leaving their parents with fears about the experiments, _____ or trouble they might get into.

From new population class, booming consumer market, and possible security _____, the teenager by the end of the 20th century had become a driver of trends and a _____ for what's cool or not.

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