The Baby Boomers and their **Toys**!

**Assignment**: They say you can tell a lot about a generation based on the toys they grew up loving. Your assignment is to research one of the Baby Boomers’ favorite possessions! **Due by the end of class today!**

**Research**:

***Research the Baby Boomers***:

- Who were the Baby Boomers?

- What made this generation unique?

- Who is this generation today (select one celebrity

who is a former baby boomer)

***Research the Toy:***

* History: How was your toy/company invented?
* What made your toy so popular?
* How does your toy reflect the decade (for instance, the iPod reflects your decade’s technological advancements)
* How did your toy impact the Baby Boomers? Positives? Negatives?

***Other things you’ll need to find:***

* **Large photo** of your toy (MUST be a **1950s** photo, look for ads)
* 1950s photo of the Baby Boomers in their natural surroundings (the suburbs)
* Photo of your Baby Boomer(s) today.



**1950s Toys Selection:**

* Barbie
* Easy Bake Oven
* Play-Doh
* Hula Hoops
* Frisbee
* Mr. Potato Head
* Tonka Trucks
* Pez Candy
* Matchbox Cars
* Slinky
* Yahtzee
* Erector Sets
* Betsy Wetsy