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2:00pm

Blue Sky Metropolis “Part 2 – The Big Chill” – 4th thru 8th grade

The Cold War and Pentagon dollars fuels the explosive growth of modern Los Angeles and creates the military-industrial-complex. Entire suburbs are built in record time to house defense industry workers, but covenants restrict non-white races from living there. Fear of nuclear annihilation spawns a new genre for Hollywood as 'science fiction' movies become a box office goldmine.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What caused “cold war anxieties”? • What was the “theater of duck and cover”? • How did Hollywood react to the possibility of a cold war? What about Disneyland? • How did the “cold war” fuel business? • What did the President warn of? Why? • How did the Cold War and Pentagon dollars fund the aeronaut’s growth in Los Angeles? • What is the real U-2? • What details from this episode support the title? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you feel when you learned about the expansion of the Los Angeles area to house defense industry workers? • Do you think that was a good move for Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties? Why or why not? • What about the covenants that restricted non-white races from living in the new suburbs? How does that make you feel and why? |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levittown went from a potato field to a community of 82,000 people in less than a decade. What do you think a graph of the population growth would look like? Justify your reasoning using mathematics. • The initial houses were \$7000 total or a mortgage payment was \$29/month compared with \$90/month for an apartment. Which would you prefer? Why? |



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Justify your reasoning using mathematics and other arguments.

- Create a timeline that includes elements of the development of aviation, or changes to the industry, as well as the costs related to those developments. Add to your timeline as you explore all the episodes of *Blue Sky Metropolis* this week.
- If you were living in Levittown when it began to grow, what type of business would you start and why?
- What would be the most important product or service you would offer and who would pay for it? What would you name your business? Why do you think you would be good at running that type of business?
- The Cold War & Pentagon funding fueled the military-industrial-complex. List the types of jobs that this created. Society today, driven by technological advancement has fueled a gig economy. The **gig economy** is a convenient way for workers and consumers to supplement their income. Another benefit is that workers can work as they wish. List 8-10 examples of jobs related to the gig economy. If you need help in identifying these jobs, talk to a family member, do a *google* search or text a friend.
- Social-Emotional Connection: In times of stress, we often reflect on all the things we are grateful for. Create a gratitude journal and each day write something for which you are grateful.