Urban rebellion

metropolis: symbol of modern life

London: cosmopolitan, dynamic, vibrant cultural centre in Europe

street: focus of youth life and cultural symbol

teenagers: perceived as a distinct part of society since 1950s

seen as **consumers**

major social change movements in UK and US

civil rights movement of black Americans

mass movement for social justice and equal rights for black Americans (USA, 1950s and 1960s)

youth movements

1950s: the **BEAT GENERATION**

questioning the American Dream

jazz and rock'n'roll

sexual revolution

alcohol and drugs to escape reality

spirituality and mysticism

1960s: the **hippie counterculture** and **music**

reject of middle-class values, pacifism, sexual freedom, eco-friendly practices

music as a way to greater freedom and self-expression

women's movement

promoting equal rights to achieve 'women's liberation' in all fields