**1955-1960 Notes**

**Sputnik**

* October 1957
* U.S.S.R. launches first satellite
* Some panic in the U.S.
* Triggers space race aspect of the Cold War

**Rosa Parks**

* December 1959
* Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat
* Starts the Montgomery Bus Boycott
  + Blacks refuse to use buses for over a year, bus companies eventually give up
* Helps MLK get started

**Little Rock 9**

* September 1957
* Massive argument ensued
* Governor of Arkansas ordered National Guard to block students
* Eisenhower orders 101st Airborne to carry out integration

**Warsaw Pact**

* May 1955
* Created an alliance between 8 communist countries
* Heightened Cold War tension
* Included Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Albania, and the Soviet Union