

Chapter 14.3 Reading Guide

The Other Side of American Life; Pg 355

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Vocabulary

poverty line

urban renewal

termination policy

juvenile delinquency

Poverty Amid Prosperity

1. What percentage of Americans were living below the poverty line during this decade?

2. *Online Research:* Look up and find out what the poverty line is for a family of four in America today.

3. What groups made up those 30 million who lived below the *poverty line*?



The Decline of the Inner-City

4. What happened to the taxes that cities had previously been able to collect from their residents?

5. What kind of public services were no longer adequately funded?

6. How did urban renewal programs change the landscape of the inner-city?

7. Why did evicting residents from public housing when they began making more than the poverty line cause problems for those living in these government-funded projects?

African-Americans

8. "In 1958 African-Americans salaries, on average, were only _____ percent of what _____ earned."

Hispanics

9. What had caused some 350,000 Mexicans to migrate to the United States during World War II?

10. What difficulties did these Hispanic laborers face?

Native Americans

11. What unfortunate distinction did Native Americans have in 1950?

12. What was the goal of the government's *termination policy*?

Appalachia

13. What caused the great increase in unemployment rates among Appalachian coal miners?

14. What made poverty in Appalachia particularly painful for those affected?



Juvenile Delinquency

15. Define the term *juvenile delinquency*.

16. "...the United States saw _____ percent rise in juvenile crime rates between 1948 and 1953."

17. Read through the list of causes many experts cited as cause for the unexpected rise in juvenile crime. Which would you most readily believe? Explain your reasoning.



18. Where did the parents of baby boomers look to for answers in providing a solution for rising delinquency rates?

19. How had *Sputnik I* caused a panic over the United States' public education system?

20. What changes to the American education system were made during the Cold War space race?

