Chapter 14.3 Reading Guide

The Other Side of American Life; Pg 355

Vocabulary

poverty line	termination policy
urban renewal	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?



Name ____ Pd ___ Native Americans

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

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

<u>Appalachia</u>

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

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

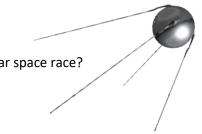


Juvenile Delinguency

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 sited 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?