Guided Reading Activity

The Resurgence of Conservatism, 1980–1992

Lesson 3 Life in the 1980s

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: The booming economy of the 1980s brought about a revolution in retailing, technology, and the media.

1. Detail: The rapid economic growth of the 1980s was partly caused by the __________________ . Their concerns helped shape the __________________ .

2. Detail: Strong economic growth most benefited __________________ - and __________________ -class Americans.

3. Detail: A new method of selling goods called __________________ began to have a major impact. The most successful of these chains was __________________ , which was founded by __________________ .

4. Detail: Entrepreneurs transformed the __________________ and __________________ industries. __________________ pioneered a new kind of broadcasting by creating __________________ , the first television __________________ .

5. Detail: In the 1980s, the __________________ made music portable. It was a new way for people to __________________ music. Video technology changed with the introduction of __________________ , enabling people to __________________ whenever they wished.

6. Detail: Technology allowed for a new form of entertainment called __________________ . Early forms developed from __________________ technology.

B. Main Idea: The 1980s had its social problems, such as drug abuse and AIDS, and activist groups were formed to develop public awareness.

1. Detail: Social problems such as __________________ , __________________ , homelessness, and __________________ continued to plague the country. The __________________ epidemic was first found in __________________ . It soon spread to __________________ men and women. The Stonewall Riot marked the beginning of the __________________ .

2. Detail: Many __________________ and __________________ raised awareness of social issues by presenting concerts, such as __________________ and __________________ . Another activist group was __________________ . Their major lobbying organization is __________________ .
Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below. How did technology change American life in the 1980s?

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