

# CHAPTER 25 SECTION 3 SOCIAL CONCERNS OF THE 1980S

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**What social issues were happening in the 1980s?** Drugs gained attention in the US as a serious problem in the '80s. Cocaine was relatively popular among celebrities and affluent youth, while crack, a cheaper offshoot of the drug, was linked to high crime rates in inner cities during the American crack epidemic.

**What problems in education emerged during the 1980s?** What problems in education emerged during the 1980s? American students lagged behind students in most other industrialized nation, they were unable to follow an instruction manual, or follow a job application form. The quality of education was bad.

**What major conflicts happened in the 1980s?** Elsewhere in the world, two wars ran throughout the decade: the Soviet-Afghan war (1979-1989) and the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988). 1982 saw the outbreak of the Falklands War and the Lebanon War, with civil wars and coups occurring in a number of countries throughout the decade.

**What were the social movements in the 1980s?** During this decade, student activists expanded their focus to include new areas of activism: LGBTQ rights, women's rights, and social justice overseas.

**What happened to education in the 1980s?** In the 1980s, economists puzzled by a decline in the growth of U.S. productivity realized that American schools had taken a dramatic turn for the worse. After rising every year for fifty years, student scores on a variety of achievement tests dropped sharply in 1967. They continued to decline through 1980.

**What was one of the largest health concerns in the 1980s?** Fear, stigma and ignorance. That is what defined the HIV epidemic that raged through the world in the 1980s, killing thousands of people who may only have had a few weeks or months from diagnosis to death - if they even managed to be diagnosed before they died.

**What was American education during the 1980s a nation at risk?** A Nation at Risk is a 1983 report put out by the Reagan administration that described how America's educational system was failing to educate students well. Among other things, it recommended that schools become more rigorous, that they adopt new standards, and that teacher preparation and pay be evaluated.

**What is a major event that happened in 1980s?** It was a period marked by defining events that continue to resonate. The Soviet Union began to collapse, AIDS emerged as a deadly epidemic, and work began on a little thing called the Internet. The decade is also remembered for its contributions to pop culture, which included the debut of MTV.

**What was the major health and social crisis of the 1980s?** Originally identified as a "gay disease" because gay men were one of the primary groups afflicted, HIV and the syndrome it causes, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, were unknown in 1981 but had become household terms and the number one threat to public health by the late 1980s.

**What was the 1980s most known for?** The 1980s, often remembered for its materialism and consumerism, also saw the rise of the "yuppie," an explosion of blockbuster movies and the emergence of cable networks like CNN and MTV, which introduced the music video and launched the careers of many iconic artists.

**What was the biggest news story in the 1980s?** 1980 – John Lennon Assassinated On December 8, 1980, Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, were returning to their apartment home in New York when Mark David Chapman fired five shots at Lennon. Lennon, the former Beatle, died of his wounds shortly after.

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**1. Question:** In a two-state system with energy levels  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , the partition function is given by: \_\_\_\_\_

$$Z = e^{(-\beta E_1)} + e^{(-\beta E_2)}$$

Find the probability of the system being in state 2.

**Answer:**

The probability of the system being in state 2 is:

$$P(2) = e^{(-\beta E_2)} / Z$$

**2. Question:** A gas of  $N$  particles is confined to a volume  $V$  at temperature  $T$ . What is the mean kinetic energy of the particles?

**Answer:**

The mean kinetic energy of the particles is:

$$\langle E \rangle = (3/2)NkT$$

where  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant.

**3. Question:** A paramagnetic material has a magnetic moment per atom of  $\mu$ . What is the magnetization of the material in an external magnetic field  $B$ ?

**Answer:**

The magnetization of the material is:

$$M = n\mu[\coth(\mu B/kT) - 1]$$

where  $n$  is the number of atoms per unit volume.

**4. Question:** A Bose-Einstein condensate has a wavelength of  $\lambda$ . What is the phase velocity of the condensate?

**Answer:**

The phase velocity of the condensate is:

$$v = h/m\lambda$$

where  $h$  is Planck's constant and  $m$  is the mass of the particles.

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**5. Question:** A blackbody emits radiation with a peak wavelength of  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ . What is the temperature of the blackbody?

**Answer:**

The temperature of the blackbody is:

$$T = b / \lambda_{\text{max}}$$

where  $b$  is the Wien displacement constant.

**What is the Red Scarf Girl summary of the Cultural Revolution?** Ji-li must deal with the difficult choice between her educational and political future or her family. This book describes her experiences with the Cultural Revolution, including being betrayed by her classmates, helping to destroy the Four Olds, attempting to become a Red Guard and the constant terror of arrest.

**What age is appropriate for Red Scarf Girl?**

**Why is the Red Scarf Girl important?** Red Scarf Girl (1997) is a captivating memoir that takes readers on a journey through the Cultural Revolution in China. Here's why this book is worth reading: With vivid descriptions and personal accounts, it offers a firsthand perspective on the tumultuous events of the time, providing valuable historical insights.

**What does the Red Scarf Girl symbolize?** The red scarf isn't just a symbol for Ji-li, it's a symbol for pretty much everyone. She thinks of the scarf as her connection to brave soldiers who fought for the cause before she was even born. It's a way of showing off her patriotism and support for Mao, like waving an American flag, only around her neck.

**What is the lesson of Red Scarf Girl?** Red Scarf Girl shows how propaganda gains power through endless repetition and by appealing to people's emotions.

**What is the main conflict in Red Scarf Girl?** Answer and Explanation: The main external conflict of Red Scarf Girl is the accusations of counterrevolutionary activities made against Xi-reng Jiang. The accusations themselves are unfounded, yet Ji-li Jiang finds herself forced to choose between her family and her support for

Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution.

**What is six fingers in Red Scarf Girl?** In Red Scarf Girl, Six-Fingers is the leader of the "Neighborhood Dictatorship Group". In Chapter Seven, he and the other members arrest a "ragpicker" for accidentally tearing a newspaper picture of Mao Zedong.

**What are the five black categories in Red Scarf Girl?** During the Cultural Revolution, the five groups which Chairman Mao and the Chinese Communist Party identified as the main enemies of China were known as the Five Black Categories. They included landlords, rich farmers, counterrevolutionaries, criminals, and rightists.

**What is a red guard in Red Scarf Girl?** In Red Scarf Girl, the Red Guards are masses of young people who have united in support of Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution.

**What are the most important quotes in Red Scarf Girl?** We were proud of our precious red scarves, which, like the national flag, were dyed red with the blood of our revolutionary martyrs. We had often been sorry that we [...] had missed our chance to become national heroes by helping our motherland. Now our chance had come.

**What does black mean in Red Scarf Girl?** The term black families refer to ostracized families that belong to one of the five black categories during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. The five black categories were related to opposition of communism.

**What is the symbolism of a red scarf?** The bright red scarf is a symbol of chicness. Not to be necessarily connotated with wealth or socioeconomic status. The bright red scarf is a symbol of persistence. The red scarf possessed a kind of striking style in 1950, and it still possesses that same power today.

**What is the red scarf a metaphor for?** That's where the fan theory comes in. Fans believe that Taylor's confirmation of the scarf being a metaphor is eluding to Taylor's sexual debut - aka losing her virginity. One Twitter user wrote: "The scarf Taylor was talking about in all too well was her virginity, and in this essay, I will..."

**What are the themes in Red Scarf Girl?** Teaching "Red Scarf Girl" has been developed to help classrooms explore essential themes, including conformity, obedience, prejudice, and justice.

**What point of view is Red Scarf Girl?** Excellent first person narrative of living during the cultural revolution of Mao's China from the view point of someone who is considered to part of a disgraced class. Good for middle school and high school students, elementary students might need a lot of cultural context to understand what is going on.

### **Rediscovering Willpower: The Greatest Human Strength**

In his groundbreaking book, "Willpower: Rediscovering the Greatest Human Strength," Roy F. Baumeister explores the essential nature of willpower and its role in our lives. Through a combination of scientific research and real-world examples, he argues that willpower is the cornerstone of human achievement and fulfillment.

### **What is Willpower?**

Willpower is the ability to control our impulses and make choices that align with our long-term goals. It allows us to resist temptation, delay gratification, and persist in the face of challenges. Baumeister describes willpower as a "finite resource," which depletes with use, but can also be replenished through rest and recovery.

### **How Willpower Works**

Baumeister's research suggests that willpower operates on two levels: conscious and non-conscious. Conscious willpower involves making deliberate choices, while non-conscious willpower involves automatic responses and habits. By understanding how these two forms of willpower interact, we can develop strategies to enhance our ability to resist temptation.

### **Examples of Willpower**

In his book, Baumeister provides numerous examples of the transformative power of willpower. From the success of athletes who push through pain to the resilience of individuals who overcome adversity, the evidence suggests that willpower is

essential for achieving our dreams.

## Benefits of Strong Willpower

Individuals with strong willpower are more likely to:

- Succeed in school and career
- Maintain healthy relationships
- Avoid addictions and other harmful behaviors
- Enhance their creativity and productivity
- Live longer, happier lives

## How to Strengthen Willpower

Baumeister emphasizes that willpower can be cultivated and strengthened through various strategies, including:

- Setting clear goals and rewards
- Avoiding situations that deplete willpower
- Exercising self-control regularly
- Developing a support system
- Practicing mindfulness and self-regulation

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