

The Century: Peter Jennings  
A New World: 1980s

1. How were Vietnam veterans treated when they returned from the war? Why was the memorial so controversial?
2. What was Reagan's message? How did he make people feel?
3. What was crack cocaine and what was its impact on society.
4. Describe Wall Street in the 1980's.
5. What was a hostile takeover by a corporate raider? How did it work?
6. What impact did the personal computers have on technology?
7. What happened to the space shuttle Challenger? Who was on that ship?
8. Compare and contrast MTV and televangelists.

9. What group does AIDS primarily effect? Why wouldn't the Reagan Administration act? What does Allie Gertz represent?
10. How does Reagan characterize the struggle with the Soviet Union?
11. What is SDI and how would it work?
12. Who hijacked the TWA flight and why? What was the result?
13. What was Glasnost? What impact does it have on the Soviet Union?
14. What was being discussed at the summits? Why did they fail?
15. Describe the personalities of Reagan and Gorbachev and their relationship.
16. What happened at Tiananmen Square in China?
17. What happened to the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain? Why?