**Chapter 42 Objective**

1. The rise of Microsoft and the dotcom companies signaled the beginning of what new age in business?
2. Describe the changes that came with the new global information age economy.
3. What developments occurred because of major advances in genetic and stem-cell research?
4. What institutions were involved in the alliance that led to the rise of “Big Science” after World II?
5. What has happened to the gap between the rich poor in the last 2 decades (and throughout most of US History with the 1930s-1960s being a huge exception)?
6. What has caused the gap to widen between the rich and the poor?
7. Which majority demographic group has been most profoundly affected by the great economic changes of recent decades and which subgroup serves as the greatest factor in that change?
8. What are some of the inequalities that persist for women workers and what single factor most accounts for the persistence of the inequalities?
9. What factors have placed severe strain on the nuclear family in recent years?
10. Which group, the elderly or the young, are LEAST likely to live in poverty in modern America.
11. Where does the money come from that is paid to social security recipients?
12. Compared to previous periods, how heavy was immigration to America between 1980 and 2004, and what attracted them?
13. Why did the Latino immigrant population retain their language and culture better than did most previous immigrant groups?
14. How did the law intend to control the illegal entry of immigrants in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986?
15. What percentage of America’s population was foreign-born by the end of the 1990s?
16. What have studies shown concerning the charge that illegal immigrants as a group take more from welfare programs than they contribute to in tax payments?
17. Know that most Latinos in America come from Mexico.
18. Where does half of the African-American population live in America?
19. Who is Douglas Wilder and what accounts for the growing success of African-American political candidates during the 1990s and 2000s.
20. What is cultural pluralism and who were its leading intellectual advocates in the early twentieth century?
21. What is multicultural education and what are the chief criticisms of the idea?
22. What are “Mutualistias”?
23. When did the first significant number of Mexican immigrants begin arriving the in the US and what factors account for the slow rate in which Mexican immigrants have become American citizens?
24. Why did the American west become the subject of a rich literary outpouring in the late twentieth century and who were some of the writers?
25. How important did New York become in the global art community after WWII?
26. What percentage of the American population between the ages of 25-34 were college graduates by the 1990s?
27. Who are Zora Neale Hurston and Toni Morrison?
28. What are: Pop Art; Abstract Expressionism? And who are Andy Warhol and Jackson Pollack?