

The Century: Peter Jennings  
Starting Over: 1976-1980

1. Why were Americans “unsure” of themselves in 1976?
2. What did Jimmy Carter represent to many Americans? Why weren't young people interested in politics?
3. Describe disco and the nightclubs in which people danced.
4. What impact does the women's rights movement have on marriages and families? How is this “unorthodox”?
5. What impact did the cold weather in 1977 have on the U.S. and our energy sources?
6. What impact did foreign competition have on the auto industry and the American worker?
7. Why were Japanese and German cars more attractive to Americans?
8. What was “Love Canal”? How did the people remedy their problem?
9. Why was there forced busing in urban schools? How was it received in America? How did it impact the schools?

10. What happened in San Francisco that galvanized the gay community?
  
11. Why were conservatives concerned that America was disintegrating by the late 1970s?
  
12. What happened in Iran in 1979? What were Khomeini's ideas?
  
13. What impact did OPEC's raising of oil prices have on the U.S.?
  
14. Describe Carter's "malaise" speech! What was his message?
  
15. What did Iranians do in response to the U.S. giving the Shah of Iran refuge? What images did Americans see on television?
  
16. What did the Carter Administration do to try and free the hostages? What was the result?
  
17. Why was the U.S. hockey team's victory in the 1980 Olympics so important for America?
  
18. Who is Ronald Reagan and why was he so appealing to Americans?