

CHAPTER 5 SOCIAL ISSUES

The movie explores various social issues amidst its rich narrative. Rock and roll emerges as a defining genre for the new generation, reflecting changing attitudes and cultural shifts. The Watergate scandal highlights deep-rooted corruption within the political system, casting doubt on the integrity of those in power. Consumerism is depicted through the merchandising of Forrest's table tennis achievements, illustrating how fame and success can be commodified and exploited for profit. Additionally, the film subtly addresses the emergence of AIDS as a new and largely unknown disease during the 1980s, reflecting the fear and uncertainty surrounding its impact on society.

A. SUFFICIENT



A1 Forrest's mom is shocked about a new musical genre. Who is the singer they are watching?

A2 Why did rock and roll represent a generational change?

B. GOOD



B1 In a certain moment of the movie, Forrest is staying at the Watergate Hotel. What is he discovering in this scene?

C. NOTABLE



C1 After becoming a ping pong star, many companies want to take advantage of Forrest's fame. Why is it an hypocrisy to use Mao's face in products to sell?

D. EXCELENT



D1 What is the new disease that kills Jenny?

D2 How is this new disease spread? How many people got infected worldwide? And how many have died?

EXTRA

Look information about Hurricane Carmen. Explain how is it linked with the movie, when did it happen, where did it hit most severely and what were its consequences