Chapter 26, Section 4
GUIDED READING

A. Among the many possible answers:

Urban flight

1. By the early 1990s, about 43 percent of the Latino population and more than half of the Asian-American population lived in the suburbs.

2. The 2000 census indicated that affordable suburban housing was booming in many states.

3. In 1990, the 31 most impoverished communities were in cities.

Baby boomers

4. By 2000, the median age of Americans was 35, two years older than a decade prior.

5. By 2030, 1 out of 5 Americans is expected to be over age 65.

6. By 2005, spending on programs benefiting the elderly is expected to consume 39 percent of the federal budget.

Immigration

7. In the 1990s, about 45 percent of immigrants came from the Western Hemisphere and 30 percent came from Asia.

8. By the early 1990s, there were an estimated 3.2 million illegal immigrants.

9. The proportion of non-Latino whites to minorities is expected to continue to shrink.

B. Possible answers:

1. Urban and suburban: A decline in the economic base of cities and an increase in suburban wealth

2. Aging: The possibility that the Social Security system will not be able to support retired senior citizens

3. Immigration: Dealing with illegal immigration

C. Answers will vary widely depending upon the specifics noted.