**Reading Questions Partanen The Lands of Opportunity: Bringing Back the American Dream**

Summarize the point of the story about the man in subway car

What is Partanen getting at when she makes observations about people living an expensive lifestyle but having a low earning occupation? How does this connect with the concept of the American dream?

Of hedge fund managers and the homeless…

Between 2009 and 2012, the top 1% captured 90% of what?

Middle paragraph of page 266: list of reasons for rising inequality (more than eight) in the United States. To some degree this applies to other wealthy countries too.

But the above list is not the whole story. What are specific policies that have also increased inequality?

How well do Americans understand the current wealth distribution in the United States? Explain, including both examples given.

On page 268, there is a sentence that begins with “In reality.” Read the entire paragraph, and record the basics of the “In reality” sentence.

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Finish the sentence: “But survey after survey reveals that…”

Jantti and colleagues found that in the United States, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of men…(finish sentence).

Societies with less income inequality tend to have greater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their citizens.

America is no longer than land of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, northern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is.

“It’s no mystery why this is the case:…finish sentence.”

What four reasons does Partanen give for the crumbling of the American Dream?

Read the story of Kaarina. What points does it make?

A family in the lowest fifth of the income distribution in the United States makes how much compared with families in the lowest fifth of the income distribution in Canada, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and the Netherlands? Has this always been the case? Explain.

The means to restore the vitality of the American Dream are well known and available, writes Partanen. What are the three steps that the OECD recommends to counter the changes that have unsettled the labor market?

What evidence does Partanen offer that Americans are ready for such changes?

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