

Chapter 12 – The Ferment of Reform

How did economic and political changes that accelerated in the 1820s and 1830s transform the way Americans thought about themselves and their society?

Describe the communal settlements and the objectives of their participants.

How and why did the public and private roles of women change between 1820 and 1860?

How and why did abolitionism become the dominant American reform movement? What was the impact of antislavery activists on American society and politics?