

Background Article Questions

Everything you need to know about the war on poverty (The Washington Post)

1. Which president is cited as having launched the “War on Poverty?”
2. Define the “four pieces of legislation” that were included in the War on Poverty.
3. Summarize the beginning of the War on Poverty, as discussed in the article. For how long did it last?
4. What was the poverty rate as of 2012, and how had this figure changed since 1967?
5. Describe the continuing effects of the “government action.”
6. Why do some people think the efforts did not ‘reduce’ poverty?
7. What steps does the author suggest implementing now and in the future? Why?