

Group Discussion:
Life on the Mississippi: East St. Louis, Illinois
by Jonathan Kozol

On your own:

1. Summarize Jonathan Kozol's main point.

As a group:

2. What problems does the community of East St. Louis face? What problems does its school district face?
3. What priority does the Principal of East St. Louis High School place on computers for his schools? Do you agree?
4. The East St. Louis history teacher says he feels "utterly cut off" from educational developments in modern public schools. Would more computers and Internet access help solve his dilemma?
5. When asked if they would be satisfied with a top-notch modern school that remained racially segregated, what did the East St. Louis students say?