

● Fighting Tuberculosis

Answer the following questions using information from the textbook.

1. What is *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*? _____

2. How is this bacterium spread? _____

3. Why did the number of deaths due to TB decline in the early 1980s? _____

4. What change in the number of TB cases in the United States occurred between 1985 and 1991? _____

5. What kind of locations have experienced a rise in tuberculosis infections? _____

6. How has the AIDS epidemic contributed to the rise in tuberculosis infections? _____

7. What is “antibiotic resistance”? _____

8. What can happen to a person who discontinues taking antibiotic treatments too soon? _____

9. Why do some people feel that dealing with the current TB problem should be the major priority of the science community? _____

10. Why do some people feel that social prevention is the way to deal with the current TB problem? _____

