

## Study guide for the Birth Control Pill Video.

Watch the video “The Pill” an American Experience Documentary. It can be streamed from our web site.

You will be given a 15 question multiple choice quiz that will draw from these questions.

1. Who was Gregory Pincus? He did have at least one important accomplishment that he reported in 1934. What was this breakthrough?
2. What is a Mrs. Degree?
3. The Catholic Church always been against birth control. What did some priests tell married women in S. Boston?
4. Birth control was illegal in CT and MA in the 1950s. What did Doctors do then in order to help women control family size?
5. Margaret Sanger needed funding so that Pincus could develop a birth control pill. Where did the funding come from?
6. How does the birth control pill work
7. Why did Pincus need John Rock?
8. Once the birth control pill was ready for drug trials on humans, where did Pincus, Rock, and Sanger go to test the pill? I.e. where did they find “cages of ovulating females”?
9. The drug company Searle was the first to market the pill. They were initially afraid that a backlash against such a pill would be bad economically for them. How then did they market the pill?
10. What was the date the pill was approved by the FDA?
11. What was Rock’s argument to the church that they should be ok with a birth control pill?
12. When the pill became available, why did black women resist taking it initially?
13. When did Margaret Sanger die?
14. In 1970, Congress held hearings because there was evidence the pill had serious side effects. What happened during these hearings that we might call “dramatic?”
15. It became recognized that women were experiencing serious side effects to the pill, including some even dying. How was the initial pill changed so that it became safe?