The Perpetual Adolescent
by Joseph Epstein
Discussion Questions

1. What does the author cite as the causes of the shift toward an adolescent culture? When did it happen?

2. What examples does he cite of youth triumphing over maturity? Can you think of other present day examples?

3. What does the author cite as the negative effects of perpetual youth? Where does the acquisition of wisdom belong in this discussion?

4. Do you believe that most Americans behave in an “adolescent” way? Why, why not?