

1. Evaluate the extent to which religious ideas of the Second Great Awakening shaped reform movements in the first half of the nineteenth century.

Document 1

Source: Lyman Beecher, "A Reformation of Morals Practicable and Indispensable," sermon delivered at New Haven, Connecticut, October 27, 1812.

Though reformation be always practicable if a people are disposed to reform, there is a point of degradation from which neither individuals nor nations are disposed to arise, and from which the Most High is seldom disposed to raise them. . . .

To this state of things we are hastening, and, if no effort be made to stop our progress, the sun in his course is not more resistless than our doom. Our vices are digging the grave of our liberties, and preparing to entomb our glory. . . .

Traveling, and worldly labor, and visiting, and amusement on the Sabbath, will neither produce nor preserve such a state of society, as the conscientious observance of the Sabbath has helped to produce and preserve.

The enormous consumption of ardent spirits in our land will produce neither bodies nor minds like those which were the offspring of temperance and virtue.

The neglect of family government, and family prayer, and the religious education of children, will not produce such freemen as were formed by early habits of subordination, and the constant influence of the fear of God. . . .

The missionary spirit, which is beginning to pervade our land, promises also, an auspicious reforming influence.

Document 2

Source: "The drunkard's progress, or the direct road to poverty, wretchedness & ruin," designed and published by John Warner Barber, 1826.

The DRUNKARD'S PROGRESS,

OR THE DIRECT ROAD TO POVERTY, WRETCHEDNESS & RUIN.

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Wo unto them that rise
up early in the morning
that they may follow
Strong Drink....
Isa.5 C. 11 v.



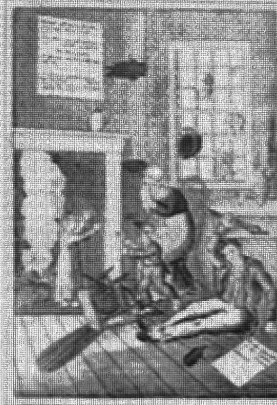
The Morning Dram.
The Beginning of Sorrow,
Neglect of Business,
Idleness, Languor,
Loss of Appetite, Dullness
and Heaviness, a love of
Strong Drink increasing.

Wo unto them that are
mighty to drink wine,
and men of strength to
mingle Strong Drink...
Isaiah 5 C. 22 v.



The Grog Shop.
Bad Company,
Profaneness, Cursing
and Swearing,
Quarreling & Fighting,
Gambling, Obscenity,
Ridicule and Hatred
of Religion.
The Gate of Hell.

Who hath wo? Who
hath sorrow? Who hath
contentions? Who hath
wounds without cause?
...They that tarry long at
the wine. Prov. 23



**The Confirmed
Drunkard.**
Beastly Intoxication,
Loss of Character, loss
of Natural Affection,
Family Suffering,
Brutality, Misery,
Disease, Mortgages,
Sheriffs, Writs, &c.

The Drunkard shall
come to poverty.
Proverbs 23 Chap 21 v.
The wages of Sin is Death
Romans 6 Chap 23 v.



Concluding Scene.
Poverty, Wretchedness,
a Curse and Burden
upon Society, Want,
Beggary,
Pauperism, Death.