Reading #7. In this short article, Reuss debunks the myth that relative poverty doesn’t have absolute circumstances. Consider the following points as you read this article.

1. Regarding health, defend the argument that some Americans experience absolute poverty.

2. What percentage of Americans lack health insurance according to Reuss?

3. In what way do “lifestyle” choices influence health in unequal amounts depending on social location?

4. According to R.G. Wilkinson, income inequality has a substantial effect on health separate from the obvious affect that living in poverty has on one’s health. Discuss the two explanations he and his associates give for the relationship between inequality and health.

5. What role does status play in predicting health? Can you relate to this finding?