

**AIDS and Other Human Diseases**  
**Intd 219**  
**And The Band Played On**  
**10/9/03**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. In the scientific process of research, what is the distinction between think, know, and prove? For example, the blood bank industry wanted irrefutable scientific proof that the blood supply was contaminated with whatever caused AIDS before they were willing to screen donated blood in any meaningful way. What type of proof was the blood bank industry looking for and what evidence did the CDC have at that time to indicate that the blood supply was contaminated?

2. What pieces of evidence indicated that this disease was caused by an infectious agent as opposed to poppers?

3. Politics occurs whenever people are involved in decision making. What tensions/politics existed within the scientific community? Between the scientists/health officials and the gay community? Between scientists and the American government?

4. What did you learn about the scientific process of investigation in this movie?

5. What issues would you like to discuss further?