**United States History Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Unit 13: Americans’ Concerns, 1965-1990 Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Americans were asked the following question every five years:**

***“What is the most important problem facing America today?”***

**The chart below shows the percentages for their responses.**

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| **1965** | **1970** | **1975** | **1980** | **1985** | **1990** |
| High cost of living 3% | Foreign affairs 14% | High cost of living 60% | High cost of living 39% | High cost of living 11% | The economy 7% |
| Civil rights 50% | Racial strife 13% | Energy crisis 7% | Energy problems 12% | Budget deficit 10% | Budget deficit 21% |
| Crime 4% | Campus unrest 27% | Distrust in government 7% | Unemployed  4% | Unemployed  21% | Drug abuse 18% |
| Foreign affairs 39% | Vietnam War 22% | Unemployed  4% | Foreign policy 44% | Threat of war 23% | Poverty 7% |

1. What was the number one concern of most Americans for each of the years below?

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| 1965 |  |
| 1970 |  |
| 1975 |  |
| 1980 |  |
| 1985 |  |
| 1990 |  |

1. What explains why civil rights was on everyone’s mind in 1965?
2. Why were Americans concerned about the high cost of living in 1975?
3. Do social or economic issues seemed to dominate most Americans’ concerns from 1965 to 1990?
4. If you were to ask 5 people the same question above (What is the most important problem facing America today?), what do you think people would say?