**Nuclear Family**

**Watch the video and complete the tasks:**

*I Give Russian equivalents:*

**cultural lag** (We're in a moment of cultural lag.)

**freakish** (It existed in this one freakish moment of history between 1950 and 1965. )

**to pick up the slack** (If a relationship failed, if somebody died, there were plenty of the people to pick up the slack.)

**cult of “togetherness”** (You had what they called a cult of “togetherness”.)

**to conspire** (Everything conspired to make the nuclear family stable and possible.)

**to relegate** (Women were relegated to household.)

*II Explain the words and expressions giving synonyms:*

Archaic, plenty of, era, to reach, to preserve, to chase, tremendous, a share of people, to drop, a burden, evenly, significantly, affluent, cataclysmic, downsides.

*III Watch the video and put the verbs into the forms they were used:*

1.It's an image that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (etch) in our minds: a family is a married couple with two-and-a-half kids.

2.In the south, of course, slavery \_\_\_\_\_\_(separate) many black families but across most of society people lived in big extended families.

3.“The number of people who lived in extended families was higher in the Victorian era than ever before or ever since. The world that people\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know) was falling away and they felt not only economically under threat, they felt morally under threat”

4.So the extended family functioned as a moral unit. In it children \_\_\_\_\_(teach) right from wrong and traditional values\_\_\_\_\_\_(preserve).

5.By 1965 that was over and the stable cultish nuclear families of the 1950's\_\_\_\_\_\_(replace) by the distressed families of every decade since.

6.Over the past half century the share of people living alone in America\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(double): people\_\_\_\_\_\_ (marry) later and \_\_\_\_\_(divorce) more, the general fertility rate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(drop). And the stress from this change\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(fall) disproportionately on less affluent households who must perform all the work that was once done by members of an extended family. This burden \_\_\_\_\_\_(not evenly distribute): women still spend significantly more time on housework and childcare according to recent data.

7. Affluent people can afford to buy extended family. The switch from an extended family to a detached nuclear family\_\_\_\_ (be) great for those who are privileged.

*IV Answer the questions:*

1. What kind of family was there in the US in 1800s? When did it reach its peak and why?
2. When did the nuclear family dominate? (provide the reasons)
3. What happened by 1965? Why?
4. What are the disadvantages of nuclear families? extended families?