Graphing Ancestry Groups

An ancestor is a person from whom another person is descended. Do you know who your ancestors are? Do they all come from the same ancestry group, or do you represent more than one ancestry group?

The following chart ranks seven out of the ten largest ancestry groups in the United States with the number of people in each represented group.

Ancestry Groups in the United States		
Groups	**Number of People**	**Approximate Number of People** (rounded to nearest million)
English	49,598,035	_____
Irish	40,165,702	_____
African-American	20,964,729	_____
French	12,892,246	_____
Italian	12,183,692	_____
Mexican	7,692,619	_____
Native American	6,715,819	_____

Use your math skills and the data provided on this page to complete the following tasks:

- Approximate the number of people in each group by rounding each number to the nearest million. Write the rounded numbers on the blanks in the chart.
- Use the approximations (rounded numbers) to complete the bar graph activities on page 58.

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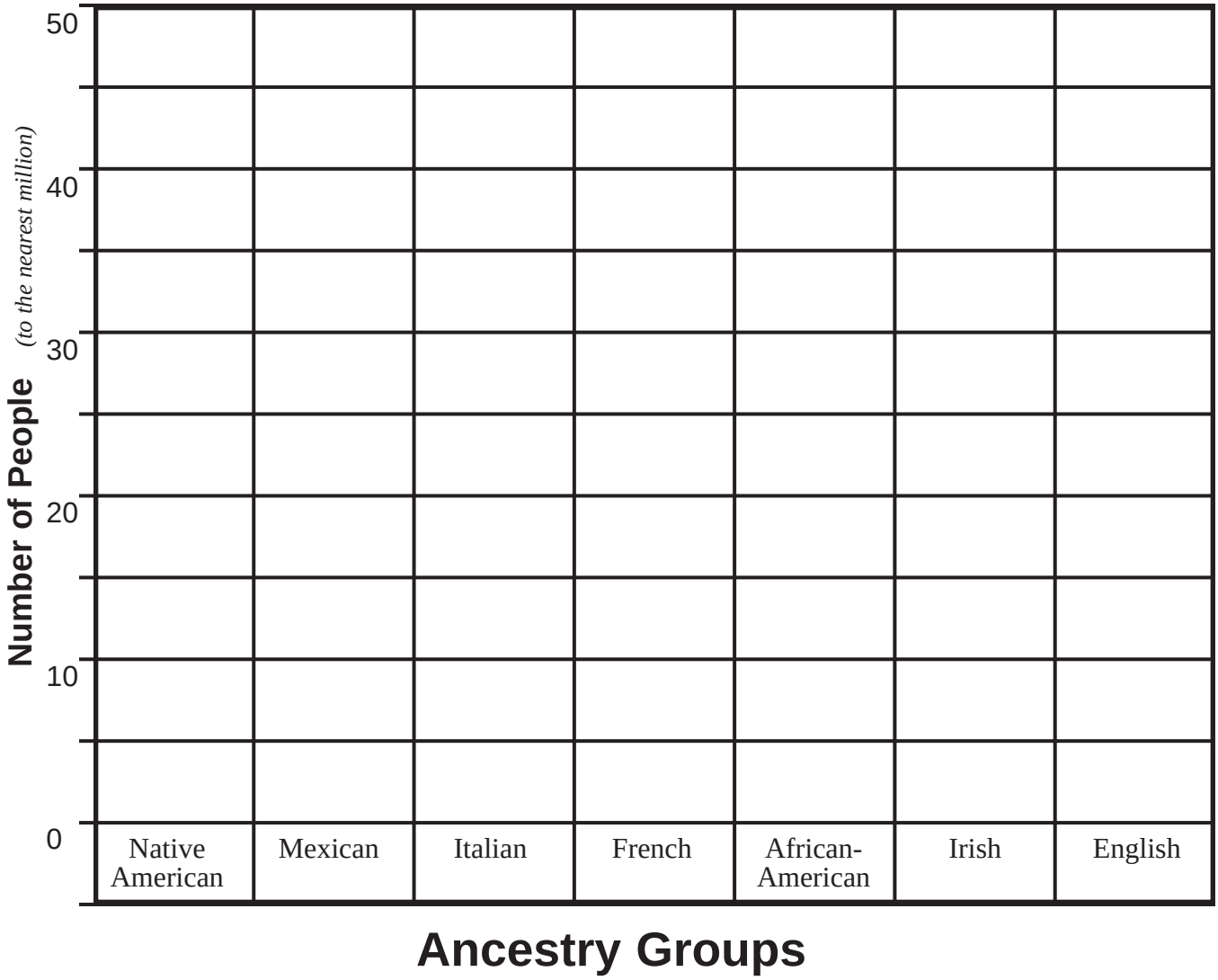
To make your graph, draw a bar for each of the seven ancestry groups represented to show the approximate (rounded) number of people from each group.



On the lines below, write four problems which require the graph information to solve. Place the solutions to each problem on the back of the page. Ask a partner or members to solve the problems. An example is given.

1. How many people are in the three smallest groups combined?

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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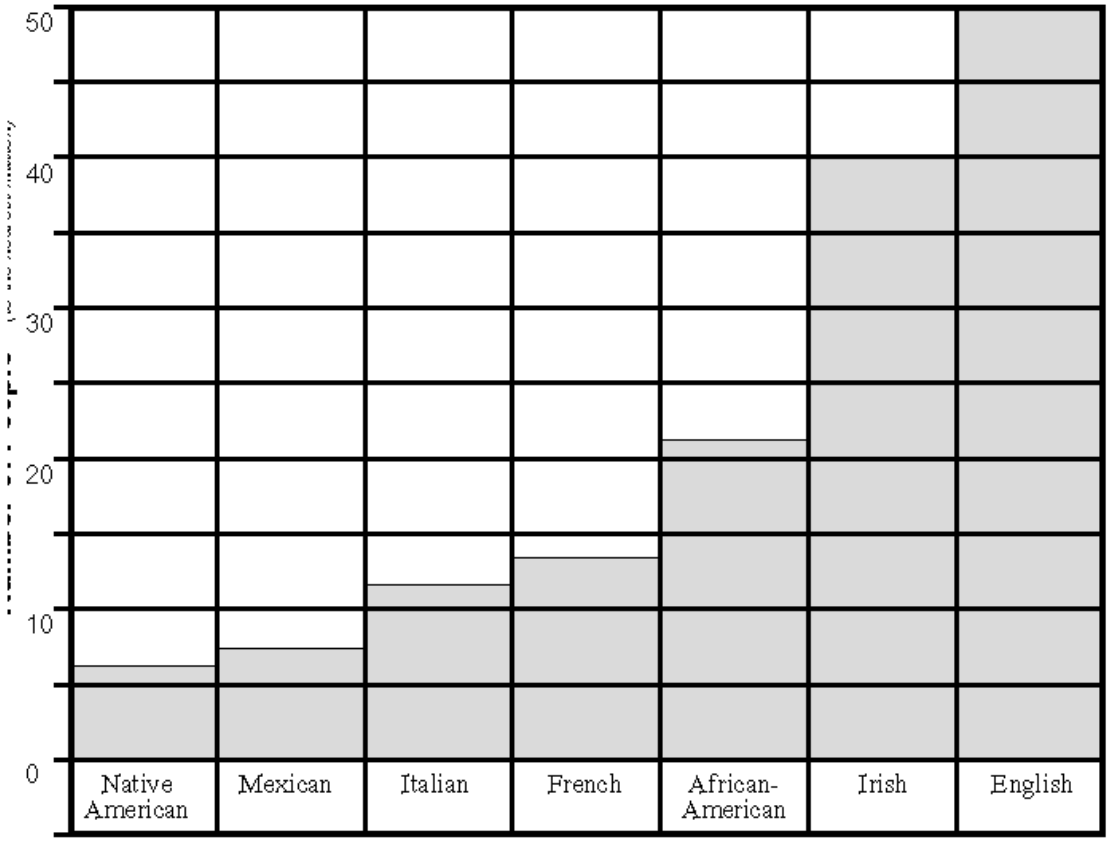
Answer Key



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