For first time, unmarried households reign in US
Comprehension and Critical Thinking Worksheet

Looking at the Statistics: Fill in the blank with numbers from the article.

__________ million households are headed by single women (i.e. single mothers)
__________ million households are headed by single men (i.e. single fathers)
__________ million households are composed of gay or unmarried couples
__________ million people live alone as an unmarried man or woman
__________ million households are composed of married couples at their core
__________ million households were composed of married couples six years ago

Short Answer: Use information from the article and your own ideas to answer the questions.

1. What is your reaction to these statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2005 American Community Survey?

2. How might children be affected by these changes in the U.S. family?

3. What do you think are the causes for the change in the U.S. family?

4. Do you think similar changes are occurring in other countries and cultures?

5. Write your own discussion question based on this article. You will have a chance to pose this question to members of your group in class.