

ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY UNIT

This unit of study is designed to help your students understand the concept of inflation and see how it can affect their income and spending. Each activity is self-contained so you may use them all or choose only those that best fit your lesson plans, time schedule, and students' abilities. A two page examination is also included.

The arithmetic used in this unit involves the four basic operations and percentages. The math activities vary in difficulty from simple addition and subtraction to multi-step computations.

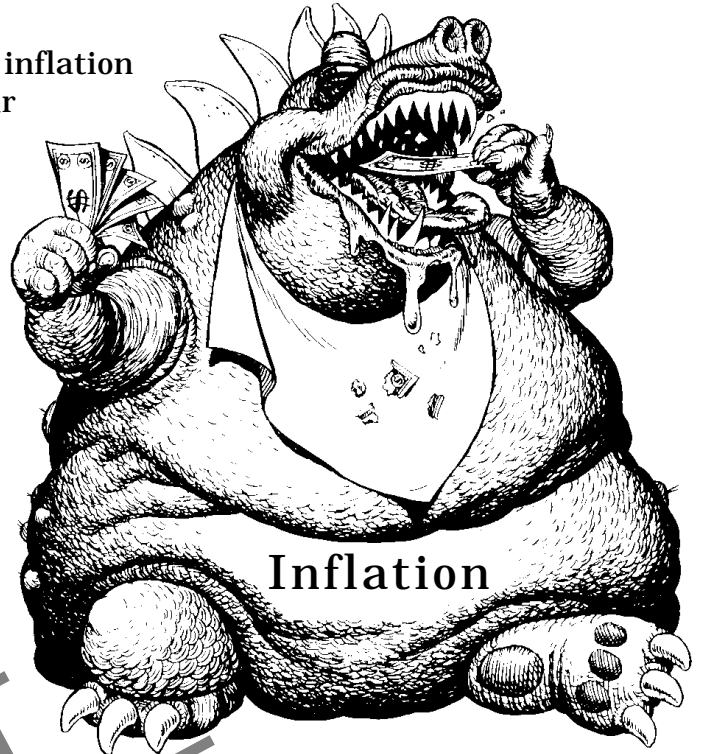
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Inflation is defined as a general increase in the level of prices. The chart below lists the rate of inflation in the United States from 1960 through 2002.

Use the chart to compute the average rate of inflation during each of the following periods? Round your answers to the nearest 1/10th percent.

- 1960-1964 _____%
- 1965-1969 _____%
- 1970-1974 _____%
- 1975-1979 _____%
- 1980-1984 _____%
- 1985-1989 _____%
- 1990-1994 _____%
- 1995-1999 _____%
- 2000-2002 _____%

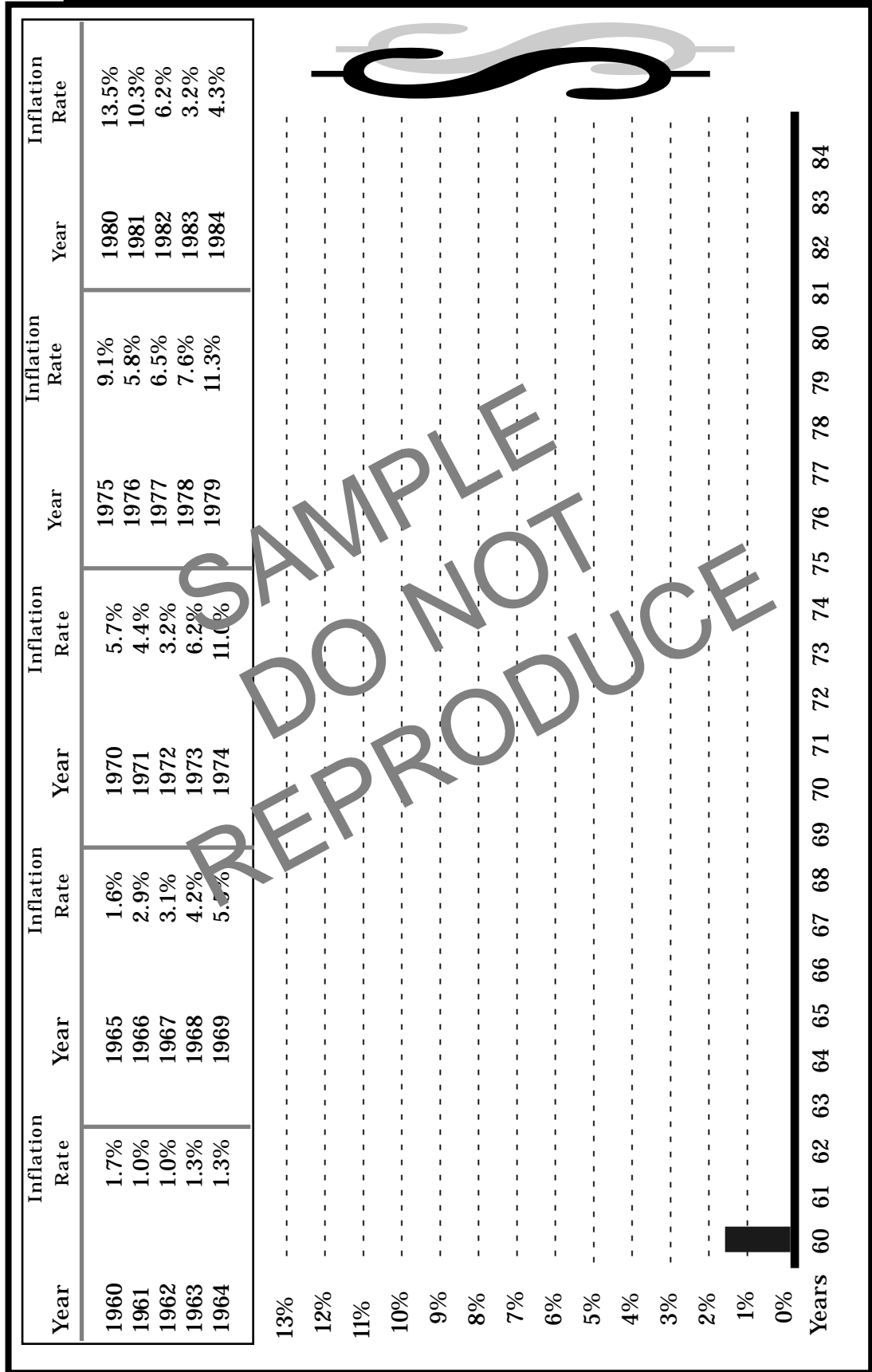


Year	Rate	Year	Rate	Year	Rate	Year	Rate	Year	Rate
1960	1.7%	1970	5.7%	1980	3.5%	1990	5.4%	2000	3.4%
1961	1.0%	1971	4.4%	1981	10.3%	1991	4.2%	2001	2.8%
1962	1.0%	1972	3.2%	1982	6.2%	1992	3.0%	2002	1.6%
1963	1.3%	1973	6.2%	1983	3.2%	1993	3.0%	2003	
1964	1.3%	1974	11.0%	1984	4.3%	1994	2.6%	2004	
1965	1.6%	1975	9.1%	1985	3.6%	1995	2.8%	2005	
1966	2.9%	1976	5.8%	1986	1.9%	1996	3.0%	2006	
1967	3.1%	1977	6.5%	1987	3.6%	1997	2.3%	2007	
1968	4.2%	1978	7.6%	1988	4.1%	1998	1.6%	2008	
1969	5.5%	1979	11.3%	1989	4.8%	1999	2.2%	2009	

HOW DOES THE CARTOON AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE REPRESENT THE EFFECT OF INFLATION?

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The charts below and on page 3 list the inflation rates in the United States from 1960 through 2002. Use the charts to construct a bar graph comparing the inflation rates over those years. 1960 is done for you as an example.



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Andy Lendman writes a syndicated column called Ask Andy which is published daily in over 200 newspapers. In the column he answers questions and gives advice about personal finance.

Andy has a staff of three to help him with the column. As a member of his staff, you've been asked to answer the following question sent in by a reader.

Dear Andy:

Each time I go to the grocery store, my bill seems to get higher. What can I do to stretch my hard earned food dollars?

SAMPLE
DO NOT
REPRODUCE



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