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Classroom Materials

Title of Material: What is the Census? Webquest

Topics Discussed: US Census

Skills Utilized: Research, technology literacy

Format: Individual or in small groups, discuss as a class

In Person or Online: Online

Procedure/Instruction Suggestions:

This is designed to take *at least* one whole class period and for students to thoroughly explore the Census. It can be assigned and done in class on the computer or online at home.

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What is the United States Census?

Webquest

Directions: Go to the [US Census Website](#). This will be the site you will be using to gather information and data and to draw your conclusions. Follow the guiding questions below, making sure you're following the directions on what to click and what to look for!

Guiding Questions

Part I

The link will bring you to the "[What Is the 2020 Census?](#)" page. Watch the embedded video and read the background on what the US Census is and why it is so important. As you watch and read, answer the following questions.

1. In your own words, what is the US Census and why is it important?
2. What decisions does the Census help decide?
3. What are the benefits to the 2020 Census being available online, by phone, and by mail?
4. The Census counts individuals residing where?
5. How can *you* encourage others to fill out the Census? Come up with an idea of how to spread the word.

Guiding Questions

Part II

Next, you will learn how to [spread the word](#) about the Census. Watch the embedded video and read the background on what the US Census is and why it is so important. As you watch and read, answer the following questions.

1. What are some ways you can spread the word about the Census?
2. Why is spreading the word about the Census important? How can you encourage people to fill out their census, especially if they have concerns?
3. Come up with a slogan or a logo that would promote individuals to fill out their census.

Guiding Questions

Part III

Next, you will learn about [the questions asked](#) on the Census. Explore the slideshow and answer the following questions.

1. What kinds of questions are asked on the Census? Why are these questions important to know the answers to?
2. Pick one question that stands out to you. Why is that question asked? Can anything be added to it to make it more informative, inclusive, or beneficial for the purpose of the Census?
3. Scroll down. What questions will the Census never ask?
4. What happens to your answers?
5. Do you feel like these questions are enough? How do you feel about answering them?