

Census Thought Questions

- **Name**
Look at the first and last names of all those listed for your household. Are they all the same? What can you infer about those who have the same last name? If one or more names are different, what can you infer about them? Are there any clues in the rest of the categories to help tell you who they are and why they are living in the house?
- **Age**
Look at the ages of those in the household. Can their ages and names help you infer the connections between members of the household?
- **Occupation and Real Estate**
Do any of the members of your household have an occupation listed? Do any have any real estate? What, if anything, does this tell you about the family?
- **Place of Birth**
Are all members of the household born in the same state? The same country? What can you infer about the members of the household from their place of birth?

Once you have completed your first census sheet, analyze the second sheet using the same questions above, then follow up with the questions below:

- **Second Census**
What has changed in ten years? Are there new members of the household? Are some previous members missing? What inferences can you make based on the information you have? What questions do you have?