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1. First look under the column **Occupation or Job**. List the different occupations.

   A. _____   E. _____

   B. _____   F. _____

   C. _____   G. _____

   D. _____   H. _____

2. Looking under the same column, what do you think **at home** means?

   _____

3. What job is listed in the census that we don't see people doing today?

   _____

4. Why aren't people doing that job anymore?

   _____

5. Look under the column **Place of Birth**. Use the information listed to answer the following questions.

   A. How many people were born in California? _____

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6. Look under the column **Gender**. Use the information to answer the following questions.

   A. How many people are male? _____

   B. How many people are female? _____

7. Look under the column **Age**. How many people are age 18 and younger?_____

Background information: The 1870 census for the El Monte Township lists several people important to the story of the Workman and Temple families. F. P. F. Temple was the son-in-law of William Workman. Workman's daughter Antonia married F. P. F. Temple in 1845. They had eleven children. Walter P. Temple, their second youngest child, was born in 1869. When your school comes to the Homestead Museum, your class will learn more about Walter P. Temple and his family in the 1920s.

Links to standards

History/Social Studies: 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.5, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.4

Language Arts: RI.4.1, RI.4.7

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Lesson Plan

Objectives:
1. To examine and analyze a primary resource.

2. To make inferences about local and state history based on information given in a historical document.

Time: 30-40 minutes

Materials:
1. "1870s Population Census" activity sheet
2. "1870s El Monte Population Census"
3. Pencils

Directions:
1. **Distribute** the "1870s Population Census" activity sheet and "1870s El Monte Population Census."

2. As a class **review** the "1870s Population Census" activity sheet and discuss what a census is (in first paragraph).

3. Now **review** the "1870s El Monte Population Census" and explain each of the column headings. As you discuss each column, ask students for the meaning or another word that can be used for the heading.

4. Have students **work** in small groups to complete the activity sheet.

5. After students are finished, **discuss the answers** to the problems (see Answer Key).

Additional activity:
1. **Census:** Have students work in groups to take a census of the class using the headings: name, age, gender, and place of birth. After students are finished, have students graph their results and discuss what the census tells about the class.

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   _____

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1870s El Monte Population Census

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in _El Monte Township_, in the County of _Los Angeles_ of _California_, enumerated by me on the _29_ day of _July_ 1870.

Post Office: _El Monte_

	The name of every person who lives in the house	Age at last birthday	Gender—Male (M), Female (F)	Color—White (W), Black (B), Mulato (M), Chinese (C), Indian (I)	Occupation or Job of each person, male and female	Place of Birth
1.	F. P. F. Temple	48	M	W	Farmer	Massachusetts
	Antonia Workman Temple	36	F	W	Housekeeper	New Mexico
	John H. Temple	15	M	W	At home	California
	Lucinda A. Temple	10	F	W	At home	California
	Margarita A. Temple	3	F	W	At home	California
	Walter P. Temple	1	M	W	At home	California
2.	Alexander Eckford	49	M	W	Laborer	Scotland
	Jemima Eckford	49	F	W	Housekeeper	Scotland
3.	Benjamin Gorman	50	M	W	Laborer	Ireland
4.	John Schneider	27	M	W	Laborer	Switzerland
	Mary Schneider	16	F	W	Housekeeper	California
5.	Louis Jeffrido	31	M	W	Wagon maker	France
6.	Lo Chang	19	M	C	Washerman	China
7.	Theodore Stanton	44	M	W	Farmer	Bavaria
8.	Charles Thomson	38	M	W	Laborer	Norway
9.	Chas. W. Hamiliton	55	M	W	School teacher	Massachusetts
10.	Secundino Andrada	48	M	W	Laborer	Mexico
11.	Mattias Burke	63	M	W	Laborer	England
	Margaret Burke	14	F	W	House servant	California

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A. _Farmer_   E. _Wagon maker_

B. _Housekeeper_   F. _Washerman_

C. _At home_   G. _School teacher_

D. _Laborer_   H. _House servant_

2. Looking under the same column, what do you think **at home** means?

Child under 18 years of age living at home.

3. What job is listed in the census that we don't see people doing today?

Wagon maker

4. Why aren't people doing that job anymore?

We no longer need a wagon maker because we drive cars.

5. Now look under the column **Place of Birth**.
   A. How many people were born in California? __6__

   B. How many people were born in the United States? __9__

   C. How many people were born outside the United States? __10__

6. Look under the column **Gender**. Use the information to answer the following questions.
   A. How many people are male? __13__

   B. How many people are female? __6__

7. Look under the column **Age**. How many people are age 18 and younger?__5__