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   B. ______________________________
   C. ______________________________
   D. ______________________________
   E. ______________________________
   F. ______________________________
   G. ______________________________
   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? ________
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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

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 To make inferences about local and state history based on information given in a historical document.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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   B. ______________________________  F. ______________________________
   C. ______________________________  G. ______________________________
   D. ______________________________  H. ______________________________

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   __________________________________________________________________________

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   A. How many people are male? _________

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**SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in El Monte Township, in the County of Los Angeles of California, enumerated by me on the 29th 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**
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   A. Farmer
   B. Housekeeper
   C. At home
   D. Laborer
   E. Wagon maker
   F. Washerman
   G. School teacher
   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.
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