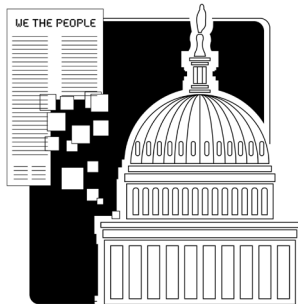


THE 2010 CENSUS

— THE CONSTITUTION & CENSUS —

If you look at the U.S. Constitution, you'll see in Article One, Section Two that the U.S. Census must be taken every 10 years. The Census was actually ordered by our nation's first leaders. They knew that people would be able to use the Census for all sorts of planning. In fact, the

The numbers from the first U.S. Census in 1790 showed how many people lived in every place in the new United States. No one in Congress would have guessed someday people would be using the Census to figure out whether to open a new arcade in a certain neighborhood.



first Congress had to figure out how to pay for the Revolutionary War – the war that made us free from British rule.

Activity: Make your own census questionnaire. What would you like to know about five of your friends? Keep your questions to simple ones that can be answered, "yes" or "no" or with a number. How many people live in their houses? Do they have pets? Make a chart to show the information you gathered and analyze your data. Are your friends diverse? How their information different from each other's?

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