

# THE 2010 CENSUS

—SHAPING AMERICA'S FUTURE—

In the early days it was not easy to be a census taker. Some people thought the census was just plain nosy, especially in the 1800s when census takers asked such questions as whether there were idiots in your family.

Sometimes people tried to chase census takers out of town or even injure them. But in modern America people are generally willing to answer census questions.

In our age which some people refer to as "The Information Age," most people understand how important a census is to shaping our future.

Imagine you were writing a census based on today's news. What are some of the issues in the news today and what questions would you ask people about them? List the issues and the questions about them.

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