Count Me In!
Exploring the historical foundations and importance of the US Census

Inquiry lessons for 5th, 8th, 11th, and 12th grade teachers

11th Grade US History Inquiry:
Why is it vital for immigrant groups to continue to make themselves counted in the Census?
Let us know who you are!

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# Census 2020

**Why is it vital for immigrant groups to continue to make themselves counted in the Census?**

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<th>Immigration and the US Census at the End of the 20th century</th>
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<th>Duration</th>
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<td><strong>HSS Standards</strong></td>
<td>11.11.1 Discuss the reasons for the nation’s changing immigration policy, with emphasis on how the Immigration Act of 1965 and successor acts have transformed American society.</td>
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<td><strong>ELA Standards</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ELD Standards</strong></td>
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| **Other Curricular Connections** | ● English - Reading, Writing, and Communicating  
● Visual literacy  
● Vietnam War  
● Salvadoran Civil War 1980s  
● Present Day: Migrant Caravan & Vietnamese Deportations |             |         |          |                             |

## Lesson Sequence Overview

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<td><strong>Performance Task</strong></td>
<td>Using several documents, students will respond in writing to a set of questions about evidence related to the 1965 Immigration Act.</td>
<td>Students will conduct a close read of “How the Census was Conducted” and complete a formative quiz on census information.</td>
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| **Summative Task** | Using evidence from source documents, students will address the following prompt: *How does information collected from US Census help to demonstrate the impact the Immigration Act of 1965 had on transforming the American landscape?*  
*Why is it vital for immigrant groups to continue to make themselves counted for future Census data? Explain.* |                                                                                   |
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<td><strong>Background Information</strong></td>
<td>In this lesson, students will consider the motivation for, and impact of, passing the Immigration Act of 1965 and will analyze data of the resulting growth of immigrant populations over time. Students will evaluate the impact immigrants had on their communities and take into account the economic impact their presence has had on businesses. Students will analyze the geographical location – specifically southern California (LA/Orange County) where there is a large concentration of immigrants in the area. Students will evaluate how the historical context of the 1960s and the Civil Rights movement impacted the passage of the Immigration Act of 1965. Students will learn about the population growth of immigrants, especially among Latinos, the largest minority group in the US. Students will incorporate evidence from the US Census to respond to the summative prompt in the form of a written letter to a family member. This letter will address how the American landscape was changed as a result of less restrictive immigration laws and explain why it remains vital to all communities that everyone participate in the US Census.</td>
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*Note: an accompanying PowerPoint is available for this lesson along with citations for all material listed on the final slide. Lesson resources include a student handout with all Documents and related questions as well as a teacher version of that handout. Documents include an excerpt of LBJ’s Signing of the Immigration Bill and US Census graphs.*

*Prior to teaching this lesson make sure that students are familiar with the following key terms: US Census, Civil Rights Movement, LBJ, Vietnam, El Salvador, demographics, refugee, inference, Central Americans, immigration, reliable, authority, historical context.*

There are a variety of vocabulary strategies to support academic language growth for language learners and students with special needs. One commonly used strategy is the Frayer Model. Look for a template and instructions in an online search engine.

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<th><strong>Introduction</strong></th>
<th>Using the bell-ringer (PPT slide 3), ask students to respond to the guided questions listed there on a separate sheet of paper and be ready to share out during a brief class discussion to follow.</th>
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<td><strong>Accommodations and Supports:</strong> most students will benefit from access to Language Frames and Sentence Starters designed and written with the explicit verbiage that will allow them to extend/expound on, contest/disagree with, and support/agree with their classmates, the data, and experts in the room. Sentence starters such as “Immigrants staring out on the Statue of Liberty are probably thinking about...” may provide the explicit support many students need to fully engage in pair, group, and class conversations. Students can do a Think-Pair-Share with partners. Possibly share with students the inscription on the Statue of Liberty, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...”</td>
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*Provide relevant historical background and context as necessary. Teacher should review American Civil Rights goals. The Eyes on the Prize Documentary (found on YouTube) can be used to offer insight about significant events and moments related to the American Civil Rights Movement.*

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<th><strong>Evaluation of Sources</strong></th>
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Evaluating Sources

Document 1

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Document 1 Questions:

a. Who is the author for Doc 1 - does he have authority to speak on the topic of immigration?

b. What is the historical context?

c. What is the author’s major argument - what will the Immigration Act accomplish?
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<td>Direct students to review their notes and responses on the handout regarding the Immigration Act of 1965. Then ask them to share with a partner any key ideas and lingering questions</td>
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<td>Introduce students to today's inquiry question ensuring that all students understand what the question is asking: “How does the US Census help to demonstrate the impact of the Immigration Act of 1965?”</td>
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| Evaluation of Sources | Students will evaluate the remaining Documents/source material, including US Census data and will answer the related guided questions using pages 2-4 of their handout.  
|                     | ● Materials: printed copies of the student handout (or make them available to students online). Projector/Computer with internet access and the accompanying PowerPoint available for this lesson (PPT slides 6-8 will be used for this part of the lesson).  
|                     | ● Accommodations and Supports: pair students to read through and answer guided questions on the student handout. Use the visuals to clarify Salvadoran and Vietnamese locations on a map. | 40 minutes |
|                      | Once students have analyzed the Documents and answered the related answered questions, begin the Summative Assessment referring students to page 5 of the Student Handout. Teacher should also encourage students to share with family and relatives and may extend learning by connecting relevant current events to the lesson:  
|                     | ● Migrant Caravan from Central America  
|                     | ● Threat to deport Vietnamese refugees (see Citation links below - though updated articles may be more relevant at the time when lesson is taught.) | 40 minutes |
| Closing             | In whole group, create a t-chart to list pros and cons of moving west and life on the frontier. | 10 minutes |
Document 2 Questions:

a. Explain the changes that occurred from 1960 to 2008 in Latino immigration. How did the Immigration Act of 1965 impact these changes? *(focus on Salvadoran born column)*

b. How might neighborhoods and schools, and local resources be affected by the growth of population? Explain.
Document 3 Questions:

a. Explain the changes that occurred from 1980 to present 2014 in Vietnamese immigration. How did the Immigration Act of 1965 impact these changes?

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Figure 1. Vietnamese Immigrant Population in the United States, 1980-2014

Document 4 Questions:

a. How much money did California lose from an undercount result in the 2000 U.S. census? How might Asian and Latino immigrants have benefitted from the money lost?

b. Why is it important (then and now) for immigrants to make themselves counted on the U.S. Census?
Summative Prompt: *How does information collected from U.S. Census help to demonstrate the impact the Immigration Act of 1965 had on transforming the American landscape?*

*Why is it vital for immigrant groups to continue to make themselves counted for future Census data? Explain.*

Use the space below to respond to the prompt above by writing a letter to a family member or member of your community. Be sure to address the following:

1. Causes and purpose of the Immigration Act of 1965
2. U.S. Census information about growth of immigrants since 1965
3. Impact new immigrants have had on communities
4. The importance of being counted on U.S. Census
Checklist for your Writing
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- ✔ Read the prompt carefully
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Summative Assessment Rubric

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Frayer Model directions: use this graphic organizer to define the concept/word/term, describe its most important characteristics, provide examples of the concept/word/term, and suggest non-examples of the concept/word/term (non-examples help to clarify what a concept/word/term isn’t which then helps to define and understand what it is).
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TEACHER DOCUMENTS


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Teacher Version

Document 1

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Document 1 Questions:

a. Who is the author for Doc 1 – does he have authority to speak on the topic of immigration?

Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States. The president has authority to speak on the subject of immigration because as the head of the executive branch, the president was well-informed on the many challenges the country faced from various advisors. His final decision to sign the bill and make the Immigration Act of 1965 into law demonstrates the authority of the office to speak on the subject.

b. What is the historical context?

The law was signed on the wave of civil rights groups gaining traction for social injustices in the US. The successes of Martin Luther King Jr. and various national sit-ins pressured the government to correct another injustice: the acceptance of white European immigrants instead of immigrants from other countries.

The focus on Latin American, Asian, and African immigrants was supposed to correct the wrong and one-sided immigration system.

c. What is the author’s major argument - what will the Immigration Act accomplish?

By signing the bill, LBJ wanted to diversify the US population by accepting immigrants from Latin American, Asian, and African countries.
Document 2

**Table 1. Total and Salvadoran Foreign-Born Populations, 1960 to 2008**

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**Notes:** A Rank refers to the position of the Salvadoran born relative to other immigrant groups in terms of size of the population residing in the United States in a given census year.


**Document 2 Questions:**

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*Answers may vary - but generally students should be able to pinpoint in general terms or numerically the exponential growth of Salvadoran immigrants to the US.*

b. How might neighborhoods and schools, and local resources be affected by the growth of population? Explain.

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a. Explain the changes that occurred from 1980 to present 2014 in Vietnamese immigration. How did the Immigration Act of 1965 impact these changes?

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a. How much money did California lose from an undercount result of the 2000 US census? How might Asian and Latino immigrants have benefitted from the money lost?

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b. Why is it important (then and now) for immigrants to make themselves counted on the US Census?

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