

Extended Learning Essay Prompt: How and why has “race” evolved throughout the history of the U.S. Census?

Follow the instructions to write an essay in response to the prompt. Write your response in the space provided below.

- Paragraph 1: briefly describe the history of the census and its purpose in relation to the U.S. Constitution.
- Paragraph 2: briefly explain **how** and **why** race evolved, or changed, throughout the history of the census. Cite **three** specific events taken from the documents that directly addresses these changes.
- Paragraph 3: in conclusion, explain why it is important for all Californians to be counted for the 2020 census and provide at least one suggestion for how your local government and citizens can get more people to be counted.

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