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Blanche Josephine	Maid		F	W	27	S	No	5	Mexico
Disney Walter E.	Head		M	W	38	M	No	11	Illinois
Lillian B.	Wife		W	W	40	M	No	14	Iowa
Dian	daughter		F	W	6	S	No	0	California
SHARON	daughter		F	W	3	S	No	0	California

Walt Disney, the creator of Disneyland, in the 1940 U.S. census.

The U.S. Census

I. Introduction

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II. Body

Each person is counted based on their usual residence, or where they live and sleep most of the time. All people living in a state are counted during the census, whether they are citizens, non-citizens, adults or children.

The census is conducted in each year that ends in a 0. One day of the year is selected as the official census day. It is meant to be a snapshot of the country, and it will count all the people alive on that one day. This keeps babies that are born later in the year and people who die during the year from confusing the numbers.

The census day has varied since it began in 1790. Until 1830, a day in August was the census day. Then June 1st was selected as census day until 1910. Then it change to April, then January, and back to April. Since 1930 the enumeration day has been April 1st.

The early censuses were conducted by people, called enumerators, that went from house to house asking about the number of people living in the house. It took a long time to gather that information, sometimes over a year.

Beginning in 1960, the U.S. Bureau of the Census began mailing out forms to each home instead of having someone visit each home. This cut costs and made the process faster.

All personal information in the census is kept private for 72 years. Then it is released to the public. The last census that is available to the public is the 1940 census. The 1950 census will be released in 2022.

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Lillian B.	Female	Wife	W	40	M	None	Iowa
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Student's answers will vary.
