



1901 Canadian Census Activity

(10 minutes)

The process by which a government counts its people is called a census. Censuses—sometimes called enumerations—are also used to find out what kinds of people a country has, how they live, what they possess, how their economy functions, and much more

Students will be searching the 1901 Canadian Census database, available through Library and Archives Canada, to investigate people who lived a hundred years ago.

Select a Surname, and look it up in the 1901 Canadian Census database. Chose an entry, and open the scanned Cenus page to read and analyze the record.

This is a small group activity, groups of about 4-6 students.

Supplies Needed:

- Worksheets: [Analyzing the 1901 Canadian Census](#)
- [1901 Canadian Census database](#)