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# Analyzing a Census



**Directions:** Read the passage below and analyze the information provided in the 1930 U.S. Census. Answer the questions using the sentence frames. Reminder: write your sentences using past tense verbs.

Primary source documents tell important information about a subject. A census is considered to be a primary source, since it records current information.

Below is the 1930 U.S. Census for Walt Disney, and his wife. Next door is his brother, Roy Disney and his family. Walt and Roy Disney started Walt Disney Productions in 1923. The company produced movies such as *Bambi*, *Lady and the Tramp*, and *Peter Pan*. It also created Mickey Mouse and built popular theme parks, such as Disneyland and Disney World.

This census was taken right after the company introduced Mickey Mouse in 1928, but before its first big movie, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

1930 U.S. Census,  
Los Angeles County, California

Disney, Walter E.	Head	M	W	28	Illinois	Canada-English	Ohio	Producer	Motion Pictures
Disney, Lillian B.	Wife	F	W	30	Idaho	Idaho	Washington	None	
Disney, Roy O.	Head	M	W	36	Illinois	Canada-English	Ohio	Sound Recorder	Motion Pictures
Disney, Edna	Wife	F	W	40	Kansas	Missouri	Wisconsin	None	
Disney, Roy E.	Son	M	W	3/12	California	Illinois	Kansas	None	
Francis, Lettie M.	Mother-in-law	F	W	63	Wisconsin	Ohio	Pennsylvania	None	

## Here's what the handwriting says:

Name	Relationship	Sex	Race	Age	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Job/ Industry
Disney, Walter E.	Head	M	W	28	Illinois	Canada/ English	Ohio	Producer Motion Pictures
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Disney, Roy O.	Head	M	W	36	Illinois	Canada/ English	Ohio	Sound Recorder Motion Pictures
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1. In what year did the workers conduct this census?

The workers \_\_\_\_\_ this census in \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In what county and state did the workers collect this information?

The workers \_\_\_\_\_ this information from \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What did Walt Disney do for work?

Walter E. Disney \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What types of information did the workers gather when conducting the census with Walter E. Disney and his household?

The workers \_\_\_\_\_ information about the household's \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.