Reading the Census Name:_____

Every 10 years, the United States counts all the people living in the country. This is called a census.

This is a census record from the township of Alban, near Rosholt in 1880—143 years ago. Can you read the cursive?

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Alban, in the County of Portage, State of Wisconsin enumerated by me on the 21st day of June, 1880.

Samuel Torgerson
Enumerator.

In Cities. Name of Street.	In Cities. House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Personal Description. Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Personal Description. Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: ½.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Single.	Civil Condition. Married.	Civil Condition. Widowed.	Civil Condition. Divorced.	Married during Census year.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Occupation. Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, state in the sickness or disability?	Health. Blind.	Health. Deaf and Dumb.	Health. Idiotic.	Health. Insane.	Health. Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Education. Cannot read.	Education. Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Nativity. Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
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		161	161	Sopka Frank	W	M	28				1				Farmer											Poland	Poland	Poland
				— Mary	W	F	20		Wife		1				Keeping house											Poland	Poland	Poland
				— Joseph	W	M	2		Son	1																Wisconsin	Poland	Poland
				Peter	W	M	1		Son	1																Wisconsin	Poland	Poland
		162	162	Pedersen Niels P	W	M	36				1				Farmer											Denmark	Denmark	Denmark
				— Jorgen	W	M	67		Father		1				Retired from work											Denmark	Denmark	Denmark
				— Karen	W	F	62		Mother		1				Housekeeper											Denmark	Denmark	Denmark
		163	163	Olsen Ole P	W	M	54				1				Farmer											Norway	Norway	Norway
				— Martha	W	F	25		Wife		1				Keeping house											Norway	Norway	Norway
				— Martin	W	M	18		Son	1					At home											Wisconsin	Norway	Norway
				— Simon	W	M	9		Son	1													1			Wisconsin	Norway	Norway
				— Carrie L	W	F	5/12	Dec	Daughter	1																Wisconsin	Norway	Norway
				Johnson Ida	W	F	21		Niece	1					Housework											Norway	Norway	Norway
		164	164	Mortensen Jens	W	M	53					1			Farmer											Denmark	Denmark	Denmark
				Mary S	W	F	55		Wife		1				Keeping house											Denmark	Denmark	Denmark

Circle the countries you see written on the right.

Germany Poland Norway Egypt Denmark

What is the most popular occupation? _____

Now, try filling in a census record for your family.

Name	Sex	Age	Relationship to head of household	Occupation	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother
Example Smith	F		Head	Teacher	Wisconsin	Indiana	Wisconsin