

What is a Census?

Is it a Boat? Is it a Plane? Is it a Birthday card to send to all of us?

No, none of those, although the last silly suggestion has a hint of its meaning.

A Census includes **everyone** and is a simple collection of facts. It's not interested in your opinions but provides information on numbers of people in a country, where they live and work and the houses they live in. Countries all over the world have Census's. The United States of America, Singapore and France have all had a census this year and Australia, Canada and the UK are planning for 2001.

By looking at the suggested websites try to answer the following questions: -

- 1) What has the Domesday book got to do with the Census?
- 2) When did Britain hold it's first Census?
- 3) Which country held the first ever recorded Census?
- 4) Why is there a gap in the British Census in 1941?
- 5) Why do people bother to fill in the Census form?

