Everybody Counts!

The Constitution of the United States requires that a census be taken every ten years. You may have seen TV commercials about the 2020 census.

What is a "census"?

Based on what you've heard or read, why is the census important?

Why do you think our founding fathers wanted the census to be taken every ten years?

With all of the technology that we have today, do you think it's still important to conduct the census? Defend your response.

How is the census important to Delaware?

How is the census important to Seaford?

**Secondary
Lesson 1.3**

Census Data for the City of Seaford, Delaware

Census	Pop.
1860	624
1870	1,304
1880	1,542
1890	1,462
1900	1,724
1910	2,108
1920	2,141
1930	2,468
1940	2,804
1950	3,087
1960	4,430
1970	5,537
1980	5,256
1990	5,689
2000	6,699
2010	6,928

This chart shows the population of Seaford every ten years from 1860 to 2010.

Use the graph paper on the next page to track the change in our population during that time. Include a place for 2020.

What title will you give your graph?

How will you label the x-axis?

How will you label the y-axis?

Will you make a line graph or a bar graph? Why?

Make your graph

How can you tell, just by looking at the graph, when Seaford had the biggest growth in population?

Between what two years was the biggest growth?

By how much did the population change?

Between which two census years did the population of Seaford decrease?

By how much did the population decline in that decade?

List 3 – 5 events that would influence a town's population.

By how much did the population of Seaford increase from 1860 to 2010?

BONUS: By what percentage has the population of Seaford increased from 1860 to 2010?

Based on your graph, what do you predict the population of Seaford will be 2020?

When did your family come to Seaford and why did they come here?