Population Shift Equals Power Shift

Name: _____ 1-A

One of the main reasons for conducting the census and keeping track of population changes is to accurately apportion the membership of the House of Representatives among the 50 states as mandated by the U.S Constitution. As a result of each census, states either maintain, increase, or decrease their number of representatives. In some states, leaders will need to redraw congressional districts in order to reflect changes in population.

Select five states to complete the table below. Visit http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/ and use your United States Population map to locate the data to complete the tables.

State	Population in 1910	Number of Representatives in 1910	Population in 1940	Number of Representatives in 1940	Population in 1970	Number of Representatives in 1970	Population in 2000	Number of Representatives in 2000

Create a line, bar, or column graph that depicts either the population data or the number of representatives data that you collected.

Do you notice any trends in the data that you collected? _____

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Why do you think it is important that the U.S. Census Bureau collect information? _____

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What can census information be used for? _____

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