

Answer Sheet for Worksheet 3: Researching the 1855 Census

A census is a record of the people who lived in a specific place. Historically, there were state and federal censuses. A census record has important information including people's names, ages, and race. We can learn a lot about who lived in Kansas Territory from this document. Here is part of one page of the 1855 census.

Names	Occupation	Age	Males	Females	Emigration From	Negroes	Slaves	Voters
Charles F. Gillman, Teacher		21	X		Missouri			1
Lousa Choteau		50	X		Missouri	1		
Dilsa Choteau		50		X	Missouri	1		
Christopher Columbia		30	X		Indiana			1
Infant child of Columbia's m			X					1
George McGillvia Farmer		21	X		Illinois			1
Charlottee Baker		30		X	Missouri	1	1	
Narcissa Baker		m		X	Missouri	1	1	
Alexander Baker		m	X		Missouri	1	1	
Emanuel Mosier Blacksmith		21	X		Missouri			1

Key:

M = minor, those under 21

1. Who can vote in Kansas Territory in 1855? (**white men over the age of 21**)
2. Were there slaves in Kansas Territory? (**yes**)
3. What does "m" stand for? (**minor**)
4. Name three occupations of this time period. (**teacher, farmer, blacksmith**)
5. Name three states that settlers came from. (**Missouri, Indiana, Illinois**)

