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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the document located below while answering the questions below in order. These questions will prepare students to think critically when observing primary source documents.

Level I: Description

1. What is the title of the document?
2. What do you notice about the number of people in the different groups for the 1800 census?
3. What do you notice about the names of the counties?

Level II: Interpretation

1. How do you think the people were counted for the census?
2. Why would the U.S. government need to take a census?
3. Why are slaves included on the table?

Level III: Analysis

1. Why would it be important to Ohio in 1800 to have an accurate number for the census?
2. Does the U.S. government still have a census? If so, how often?
3. How would people be counted today for a census? What groupings would be used for a census today?

Schedule of the whole number of Persons in the Territory of the United States North West of the Ohio.

Names of Counties	Free white Males					Free white Females					Slaves
	Under ten Years of Age	Of ten & under sixteen	Of sixteen Years & under twenty	Of twenty & under thirty years including heads of Families	Of thirty years & upwards including heads of Families	Under ten Years of Age	Of ten & under sixteen	Of sixteen Years & under twenty including heads of Families	Of twenty & under thirty years including heads of Families	Of thirty years & upwards including heads of Families	
Jefferson	1937	758	749	731	417	1768	719	718	606	338	35
Washington	1035	379	568	642	292	991	328	474	507	193	18
Adams	727	273	319	341	177	664	261	267	273	115	15
Hamilton	3273	1335	1502	1251	480	3090	1165	1297	954	344	0
Wayne	540	201	332	584	198	467	193	352	198	102	139
Robt.	1648	630	928	1061	336	1458	604	760	698	292	125
Trumbull	202	71	238	223	55	206	83	93	106	21	5
The aggregate Amount of each Description	9362	3647	4636	4833	1955	8644	3353	3861	3342	1393	337

The whole number of Inhabitants in the Territory 45,365.