



Minute Challenge:

The Amazing Apportionment Machine

Warm-Up Activity Answer Key

Use this Answer Key to review students' responses to "The Amazing Apportionment Machine Animated Video" warm-up activity questions.

Students should watch "The Amazing Apportionment Machine Animated Video" to help them answer questions in this warm-up activity <www.census.gov/schools/resources/videos/apportionment-machine.html>.



1. What is apportionment?

Apportionment is the process of dividing the seats in the House of Representatives among the 50 states.

2. Since the _____ Census, Congress has used the Method of Equal Proportions.

1940

3. According to the Constitution, each state should have at least _____ representative(s) or seat(s)?

One

4. How many total seats are in the House of Representatives?

435

5. Why is the apportionment formula used?

The apportionment formula is used to ensure equal representation for all.

6. How many people did each House member represent in 1790 and 2000?

34,000 and 647,000

7. What is the purpose of apportionment?

The purpose of apportionment is to have equal representation.

Bonus Question: When will the next apportionment take place?

The next apportionment takes place in 2020. (The apportionment population counts for each state must be delivered to the President within 9 months of the census date, April 1, 2020.)

For more information, visit the Congressional Apportionment page <www.census.gov/topics/public-sector/congressional-apportionment.html>.