

Your Soldier at Home: Gathering Information

Date of the Census:

Town:

Name of Civil War Soldier:

Gathering Evidence—Questions to consider:

How old was the soldier?

What is the soldier's occupation just before the war?

Who lives in the home with the soldier (who did he leave behind)?

Who was the main wage earner in the home? Who would have supported the family during the war?

Does the soldier have children? If so, how old are they?

Did anyone else in the home go off to fight? Why or why not?

Compared to his neighbors, how much money did he have? Can you tell if he might have needed to leave for the pay and bounty award?

Did your soldier survive the war? If so, can you find him in the 1870 census?

What was your soldier's occupation after he came home?

Does the census page reveal anything else about his life after the war?

Questioning--

What questions do you now have and where might you find the answers?

Synthesizing--

Describe who or what your soldier left behind when he went to war.