

# What is a Census?

## (Very) Early Origins

- Babylonians (3800 BCE)
- Roman Empire (Taxation)
- Domesday Book (1086 AD)





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- Assess tax and military power
- Landholder names
- Manors held and their values
- Names of sub-tenants
- Numbers of freemen, peasants, slaves
- Resources of each manor

