

United States Political – Lesson 6
Center of Population

Materials Needed A pencil and your map.

After each census the center of population for the United States is calculated. The center of population is the point, which may be considered as the center of population gravity of the United States. The center of population can be used to help us examine the history of settlement in the United States. Shown below is a chart listing the latitude and longitude of the location for selected years. Use the United States desk map to determine the approximate location of the center of population for each census year listed. Enter your answer in the spaces provided.

<u>Census Year</u> <u>United States</u>	<u>North</u> <u>Latitude</u>	<u>West</u> <u>Longitude</u>	
1790	39°	76°	_____
1800	39°	77°	_____
1840	39°	80°	_____
1850	38°	81°	_____
1870	39°	83°	_____
1880	39°	84°	_____
1910	39°	86°	_____
1920	39°	87°	_____
1950	39°	88°	_____
1970	38°	90°	_____
1980	38°	91°	_____
1990	38°	91°	_____
2000	37°	92°	_____