

# Civics, Geography, U.S. History & Writing Teacher Background Questionnaire

**2010 Grade 4** 

## TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE GRADE 4

During the 2009–2010 school year, a sample of students across the country, including some of your fourth-grade students, will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The current assessment focuses on achievement in civics, geography, U.S. history, and writing. To investigate the relationship between students' achievement and various school, teacher, and home factors, NAEP is also collecting information from schools and teachers.

This questionnaire collects information about teachers' backgrounds and instructional practices as they relate to students selected for the assessment. Since you teach civics, geography, U.S. history, or writing to one or more students selected for the assessment, you are being asked to answer questions about these students' classes.

Obviously, only you can provide this important information. So, although we realize that you are very busy, we urge you to complete this questionnaire as accurately as possible. The information you provide is being collected for research purposes only and will be kept strictly confidential.

NAEP is authorized under Public Law 107–110. While your participation is voluntary, your responses to these questions are needed to make this survey accurate and complete.

#### **Instructions**

This questionnaire contains three parts.

Part I – Background, Education, and Training

Part II – Classroom Organization and Instruction–Civics, Geography, and U.S. History

Part III – Classroom Organization and Instruction– Writing

You should complete parts I through III. Please record your answers online, following the instructions on the front cover. If you do not have Internet access, please answer questions directly on this questionnaire by filling in the appropriate ovals.

If you do answer questions directly on this questionnaire, please return the questionnaire to your school's NAEP coordinator when you are finished.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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#### **Teacher Questionnaire - Grade 4**

#### Part I: Background, Education, and Training

For some questions on this survey, you are asked to fill in numbers. For these questions, please print the appropriate number in each of the boxes provided. Please print legibly with a No. 2 pencil. Keep all printing within the boxes, and erase any stray marks.

Using one number per box, fill in every box. For example, 95 students would be written as:



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- 1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in one or more ovals.
  - (A) No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
  - ® Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
  - © Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
  - Tes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
  - © Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

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- 2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals.** 
  - White

- ® Black or African American
- © Asian
- © Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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| 3. | Counting this year, how many years have you worked as an elementary or secondary      |
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|    | teacher? Include any full-time teaching assignments, part-time teaching assignments,  |
|    | and long-term substitute assignments, but not student teaching. If less than 4 months |
|    | total experience, enter "00."   |

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4. Did you enter teaching through an alternative certification program?

(An alternative program is a program that was designed to expedite the transition of non-teachers to a teaching career, for example, a state, district, or university alternative certification program.)

- **A** Yes
- ® No

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- 5. What type of teaching certificate do you hold in the state where you currently teach?

  - ® Certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period  $\rightarrow$  *Go to Question 6*.
  - $\bigcirc$  Certificate that requires some additional coursework, student teaching, or passage of a test before regular certification can be obtained  $\rightarrow$  *Go to Question 6*.

  - □ I do not hold any of the above certificates in the state where I currently teach. → Go to Question 6.

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- 6. Do you hold a currently valid regular or standard certification from a state other than the one in which you are currently teaching?
  - A Yes
  - ® No

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7. This school year, are you a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) according to your state's requirements?

(Generally, to be Highly Qualified, teachers must meet requirements related to 1) a bachelor's degree, 2) full state certification, and 3) demonstrate competency in the subject area(s) taught. The HQT requirement is a provision under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.)

- **(A)** Yes
- <sup>®</sup> I meet my state's requirements for a Highly Qualified Teacher in at least one subject that I teach.
- © No

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8. Are you certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in at least one content area?

(The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is a nongovernmental organization that administers National Board certification, a voluntary national assessment program that certifies teachers who meet high professional standards. In order to gain certification, the candidate must at least complete a portfolio of classroom practice and pass one or more tests of content knowledge.)

- ① Yes, I am fully certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- ® I am working towards my National Board certification.
- $\bigcirc$  No

- 9. What is the highest academic degree you hold?
  - High-school diploma
  - Associate's degree/vocational certification
  - © Bachelor's degree
  - Master's degree
  - © Education specialist's or professional diploma based on at least one year's work past master's degree
  - Doctorate
  - © Professional degree (e.g., M.D., LL.B., J.D., D.D.S.)

10. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **undergraduate** coursework? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Yes,<br>a major | Yes, a minor or special emphasis | No |          |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----|----------|
| a. Reading, language arts, or literacy education                                      | A               | ®                                | ©  | VB378391 |
| b. English  | <b>(A)</b>      | ®                                | ©  | VB378392 |
| c. Other language arts-related subject  | <b>(A)</b>      | ₿                                | ©  | VB378394 |
| d. History or history education   | A               | $^{	ext{	B}}$                    | ©  | VB333659 |
| e. Geography or geography education   | A               | $^{	ext{	B}}$                    | ©  | VB333660 |
| f. Political science  | A               | $^{	ext{	B}}$                    | ©  | VB607676 |
| g. General social science or social studies education                                 | A               | ®                                | 0  | VB334021 |
| h. Other social science (for example, economics, sociology, psychology, anthropology) | A               | <b>®</b>                         | ©  | VB610604 |
| <ul> <li>i. Education (including elementary or early childhood)</li> </ul>            | <b>(A)</b>      | <b>®</b>                         | 0  | VB482660 |
| j. Special education (including students with disabilities)                           | A               | ®                                | ©  | VE113515 |
| k. English-language learning  | A               | B                                | ©  | VE113516 |

11. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **graduate** coursework? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Yes,<br>a major | Yes, a minor<br>or special<br>emphasis      | No |          |
|---|-----------------|---|----|----------|
| a. Reading, language arts, or literacy education                                      | <b>(A)</b>      | ®   | 0  | VB378395 |
| b. English  | lack            | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©  | VB378396 |
| c. Other language arts-related subject  | lack            | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©  | VB378398 |
| d. History or history education   | lack            | ₿   | ©  | VB345620 |
| e. Geography or geography education   | lack            | ®   | 0  | VB374402 |
| f. Political science  | lack            | ®   | 0  | VB607677 |
| g. General social science or social studies education                                 | A               | B   | 0  | VB374403 |
| h. Other social science (for example, economics, sociology, psychology, anthropology) | A               | B   | ©  | VB610605 |
| i. Education (including elementary or early childhood)                                | <b>(A)</b>      | ®   | 0  | VB473840 |
| j. Special education (including students with disabilities)                           | A               | ®   | 0  | VE113560 |
| k. English-language learning  | <b>(A)</b>      | ₿   | 0  | VE113562 |

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12. During the last **two years**, did you participate in any of the following professional development activities **related to the teaching of civics**, **geography**, **history**, **language arts**, **or social studies**? "Language arts" refers to literature, reading, writing, and related topics. Fill in **one or more** ovals on each line.

|   | Yes, activities<br>related<br>to civics,<br>geography,<br>history, or<br>social studies | Yes,<br>activities<br>related to<br>language<br>arts | No |          |
|---|---|--|----|----------|
| a. College course taken after your first certification  | A   | ₿  | ©  | VE040652 |
| b. Workshop or training session   | <b>(A)</b>  | ®  | ©  | VE040664 |
| c. Conference or professional association meetin  | g 👁   | $^{	ext{	B}}$  | ©  | VE040666 |
| d. Observational visit to another school or classroom   | A   | ₿  | ©  | VE040667 |
| e. Mentoring and/or peer observation and coaching as part of a formal arrangement   | A   | ₿  | ©  | VE040668 |
| f. Committee or task force focusing on curriculum instruction, or student assessment  | n, 🖎  | ®  | ©  | VE040670 |
| g. Regularly scheduled discussion group or study group  | T A   | ₿  | ©  | VE040672 |
| h. Teacher collaborative or network, such as one organized by an outside agency or over the Internet                            | A   | ®  | ©  | VE040675 |
| i. Individual or collaborative research   | <b>(A)</b>  | $^{	ext{	B}}$  | 0  | VE040676 |
| <ul> <li>j. Independent reading on a regular basis—for<br/>example, educational journals, books, or the<br/>Internet</li> </ul> | <b>(A)</b>  | ®  | ©  | VE040677 |
| k. Co-teaching/team teaching  | <b>(A)</b>  | $^{	ext{																																		$          | 0  | VE040682 |
| l. Consultation with a subject specialist   | <b>(A)</b>  | $^{	ext{																																		$          | ©  | VE040684 |

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13. During the last **two years**, have you received training from any source in any of the following areas? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | No, I am<br>already<br>proficient. | No, I<br>have<br>not. | Yes |          |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|----------|
| a. Basic computer training  | A                                  | <b>®</b>              | ©   | VC191233 |
| b. Software applications  | A                                  | <b>®</b>              | ©   | VC191234 |
| c. Use of the Internet  | A                                  | ®                     | 0   | VC191235 |
| d. Use of other technology—for example, satellite access, wireless Web, interactive video, closed-circuit television, videoconferencing | <b>(A)</b>                         | <b>®</b>              | ©   | VC191237 |
| e. Integration of computers and other technology into classroom instruction   | A                                  | ₿                     | ©   | VC191238 |

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14. Do you have special leadership responsibilities for the following subjects at your school—for example, responsibilities as a mentor teacher, lead teacher, resource specialist, departmental chair, or master teacher?

|   | Yes        | No |          |
|---|------------|----|----------|
| a. History, civics, geography or social studies | <b>(A)</b> | ®  | VE040561 |
| b. Writing/language arts                        | A          | ®  | VE040567 |

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15. During the last **two years**, have you participated in activities associated with school improvement efforts directed at issues such as adequate yearly progress and state accountability standards?

A Yes

® No

### Part II: Classroom Organization and Instruction – Social Studies (Civics, Geography, and U.S. History)

The following questions ask about the organization of your classroom for social studies instruction. If you teach more than one fourth-grade social studies class, please pick a single class to use as the basis for answering the questions.

If you do not teach social studies (e.g., civics, geography, or U.S. history), please skip to Part III Writing. Thank you for your time.

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- 1. Which best describes your role in teaching social studies to this class? Fill in **one** oval.
  - (A) I do not teach social studies to this class.
  - ® I teach all or most subjects, including social studies.
  - © The only subject I teach is social studies.
  - We team teach, and I have primary responsibility for teaching social studies.

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- 2. How many students are in this class?

  - ® 16-18

- © 19-20
- © 21-25
- © 26 or more

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- 3. Which best describes how social studies instruction is organized?
  - © Social studies is taught primarily as a discrete subject with little or no integration with instruction in other subjects.
  - ® Some social studies instruction is integrated with other subjects, and some social studies instruction is presented as a discrete subject.
  - © Social studies lessons are primarily integrated with instruction in other subjects.

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| 4. Abou | it how | much  | time | in to | otal do | you | spend | with | your | class | on | social | studies | instru | ction |
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| in a t  | ypical | week? |      |       |         |     |       |      |      |       |    |        |         |        |       |

⚠ Less than 30 minutes

® 30 to 60 minutes

© 61 to 120 minutes

① 121 to 180 minutes

© More than 180 minutes

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5. What is the primary basis on which you create instructional groups for social studies in this class?

I don't create groups for social studies in this class.

Achievement

© Interest

Diversity

© Other

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6. During what percentage of social studies instruction time in this class is your primary focus on each of the following subjects? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|                      | None       | 1-10%      | 11-40% | 41-60%     | 61-90% | More than<br>90% |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------------|
| a. U.S. history      | <b>(A)</b> | ®          | ©      | <b>(D)</b> | (E)    | © VB608034       |
| b. Geography         | <b>(A)</b> | ®          | ©      | •          | (E)    | © VE217925       |
| c. Civics/government | <b>(A)</b> | $^{\odot}$ | 0      | <b>(</b>   | (E)    | ▼ VB608035       |

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- 7. To what extent do you use state or local standards for history, civics, geography, or social studies courses to plan your instruction?
  - Not at all
  - ® Small extent
  - Moderate extent
  - Large extent
  - © We have no state or local standards that apply to teaching history, civics, geography, or social studies.

8. How often do you use the following resources to teach social studies in this class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Never or hardly ever | Once or twice a month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Almost<br>every day |          |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| a. A social studies textbook                                   | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | ©                          | <b>(D)</b>          | VB608037 |
| b. Books, newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals          | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | 0                          | 0                   | VB608038 |
| c. Primary documents   | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{\odot}$            | ©                          | 0                   | VB608039 |
| d. Quantitative data (such as that on maps, charts, or graphs) | A                    | ®                     | ©                          | 0                   | VB608040 |
| e. Computer software   | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | ©                          | 0                   | VB608041 |
| f. Films, videos, or filmstrips                                | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | ©                          | 0                   | VB608062 |
| g. Materials from other subject areas                          | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | ©                          | <b>(D)</b>          | VB608063 |
| h. Online textbooks  | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{\odot}$            | ©                          | 0                   | VE217165 |

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- 9. Do you give instruction on geography to your students?
  - igotimes Yes  $\rightarrow$  Go to Question 10.

10. How often do you teach the following skills and topics as part of geography instruction with this class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or hardly ever | Once or twice a month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Almost<br>every day |          |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| a. Using maps and globes  | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | 0                          | 0                   | VE109644 |
| b. Natural resources (e.g., oil, forests, and water)  | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | 0                          | 0                   | VE109662 |
| c. Other countries and cultures   | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | ©                          | <b>(D)</b>          | VE109666 |
| d. Environmental issues (e.g., pollution and recycling)   | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | 0                          | 0                   | VE109669 |
| e. Space and place (i.e., basic concepts of physical and human geography)   | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | 0                          | 0                   | VE109673 |
| f. Spatial dynamics and connections (i.e., variation among regions and how people interact across space via communication, transportation, trade) | <b>(A)</b>           | ®                     | 0                          | 0                   | VE109676 |

11. How often do you do the following as part of social studies instruction with this class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Never or hardly ever | Once or twice a month                       | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Almost<br>every day |          |
|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| a. Ask students to complete a worksheet  | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | 0                          | •                   | VB608065 |
| b. Give a lecture to the class about social studies  | A                    | ®   | ©                          | •                   | VB608066 |
| c. Have students participate in debates or panel discussions                                   | A                    | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | ©                          | •                   | VB608067 |
| d. Have students participate in mock trials, role-playing, or dramatization                    | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | ©                          | •                   | VB608068 |
| e. Have students write letters to<br>state an opinion or solve a<br>community problem          | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | 0                          | •                   | VB608069 |
| f. Have visitors from your community meet with the class to discuss important events and ideas | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | 0                          | •                   | VB608070 |
| g. Have students participate in community volunteer projects or services                       | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | ©                          | •                   | VB608072 |
| h. Have students access information through the Internet for use in the classroom              | <b>(A)</b>           | ®   | 0                          | •                   | VB608073 |
| i. Discuss current events  | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | O                          | •                   | VB608074 |
| j. Use student government  | A                    | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | O                          | •                   | VB608075 |
| k. Give students social studies homework   | (3)                  | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                          | 0                   | VB608076 |

12. How often do you use each of the following to assess student progress in social studies? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never or hardly ever | Once or twice a month | Once or<br>twice a<br>week | Almost<br>every day |          |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| a. Tests with multiple-choice,<br>true/false, or matching type<br>questions | A                    | B                     | ©                          | 0                   | VE229588 |
| b. Tests with fill-in-the-blank questions                                   | <b>(A)</b>           | ₿                     | ©                          | •                   | VE229590 |
| c. Paragraph-length written responses about what students have read         | (A)                  | B                     | ©                          | •                   | VE229592 |
| d. Extended essays/papers on assigned topics                                | <b>(A)</b>           | B                     | ©                          | •                   | VE229594 |
| e. Individual projects  | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | 0                          | •                   | VE229596 |
| f. Individual presentations   | A                    | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | ©                          | •                   | VE229597 |
| g. Group projects   | A                    | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | ©                          | •                   | VE229598 |
| h. Group presentations  | <b>(A)</b>           | $^{	ext{	B}}$         | 0                          | •                   | VE229599 |

13. When your students work on social studies, to what extent do they use computers to do the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Not at all | Small extent  | Moderate extent | Large extent |          |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| a. Locate and retrieve social studies information through the Internet   | <b>(A)</b> | $^{	ext{	B}}$ | ©               | •            | VB336277 |
| b. Look up social studies information<br>in electronic reference works<br>(for example, atlases, almanacs,<br>encyclopedias) | A          | B             | O               | <b>(</b>     | VE112647 |
| c. Use exploration or simulation software to "experience" history or geography   | A          | B             | 0               | •            | VB336279 |
| d. Write social studies reports using word processing  | A          | B             | 0               | •            | VB337061 |
| e. Create social studies presentations or<br>projects using specialized software<br>(such as PowerPoint, HyperStudio)        | <b>(A)</b> | B             | ©               | •            | VB337062 |
| f. Organize social studies information using spreadsheets or databases   | A          | ®             | 0               | •            | VB337063 |

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14. To what extent are computers available for students to use for social studies in school (e.g., a classroom or a computer lab)?

Not at all

® Some extent

Moderate extent

Large extent

15. About how many weeks during the school year do you spend covering the following periods in U.S. history? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Not covered in curriculum | One to two<br>weeks | Three to five weeks | Six or more<br>weeks |          |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| a. The period before 1815:<br>beginnings through the<br>Revolution (e.g., colonization,<br>settlement, revolution)   | <b>(A)</b>                | <b>®</b>            | ©                   | •                    | VB595267 |
| b. The period between 1815 and<br>1865: the new nation through the<br>Civil War (e.g., expansion, reform,<br>crisis of the Union)  | <b>(A)</b>                | <b>®</b>            | ©                   | •                    | VB595268 |
| c. The period between 1865 and<br>1945: the development of modern<br>America (e.g., Reconstruction,<br>industrial growth, United States'<br>role in world affairs, the Great<br>Depression, the First and Second<br>World Wars, immigration) | <b>(A)</b>                | <b>®</b>            | ©                   | •                    | VB595269 |
| d. The period between 1945 and the present: contemporary America (e.g., civil rights movement, women's rights movement,  | <b>(A)</b>                | <b>®</b>            | ©                   | 0                    | VB595270 |

Korean and Vietnam wars, environmental movement)

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16. To what extent have you emphasized each of the following topics in your social studies class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Not<br>at all | Small<br>extent                             | Moderate extent | Large extent |          |
|---|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| a. Change in U.S. democracy   | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿   | ©               | •            | VC776877 |
| b. People from various cultures   | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿   | ©               | •            | VC776878 |
| c. Technological changes  | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿   | ©               | •            | VC776879 |
| d. Economic changes   | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿   | ©               | •            | VC776880 |
| e. Role of the U.S. in the world  | <b>(A)</b>    | ®   | ©               | •            | VC776881 |
| f. Politics and government  | <b>(A)</b>    | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0               | •            | VC776882 |
| g. Foundations of U.S. democracy  | <b>(A)</b>    | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0               | •            | VC776883 |
| h. The U.S. Constitution  | <b>(A)</b>    | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0               | •            | VC776884 |
| i. World affairs  | <b>(A)</b>    | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0               | •            | VC776885 |
| j. Roles of citizens in U.S. democracy  | <b>(A)</b>    | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0               | •            | VC776886 |
| k. Space and place (i.e., basic concepts of physical and human geography)   | A             | ®   | 0               | •            | VC776887 |
| <ol> <li>Environment and society (i.e., how<br/>people adapt to, depend on, and are<br/>affected by the natural environment)</li> </ol> | A             | ®   | O               | <b>(D)</b>   | VC776888 |

#### Part III: Classroom Organization and Instruction – Writing

The following questions ask about the organization of your classroom for writing instruction. If you teach more than one fourth-grade class, please choose a single class to use as the basis for answering the questions about classroom organization.

If you do not teach writing, you have finished this questionnaire. Thank you for your time.

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1. To what extent do you use each of the following technological resources for writing instruction? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|  | Not at<br>all | Small<br>extent | Moderate extent | Large extent |          |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| a. Desktop computer  | <b>(A)</b>    | <b>®</b>        | 0               | 0            | VE217586 |
| b. Laptop computer   | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿               | ©               | •            | VE217587 |
| c. Tablet PC (notebook-like computer that allows users to write or draw through the use of a stylus or touch-screen)               | <b>(A)</b>    | <b>®</b>        | ©               | •            | VE217588 |
| d. Hand-held computer (e.g., personal digital assistant)   | <b>(A)</b>    | B               | 0               | 0            | VE217589 |
| e. Digital projector (device that<br>connects to a computer to display<br>presentations or demonstrate<br>lessons, such as an LCD) | <b>(A)</b>    | ₿               | 0               | •            | VE217590 |
| f. CD-ROM, DVD-ROM   | <b>(A)</b>    | <b>®</b>        | 0               | 0            | VE217591 |
| g. Online software   | <b>(A)</b>    | <b>®</b>        | 0               | 0            | VE217592 |
| h. Digital music device (pocket-sized<br>music player used to listen to or<br>create audio files, such as an MP3<br>player)        | <b>(A)</b>    | <b>®</b>        | ©               | •            | VE217593 |
| <ul><li>i. Cable/satellite/closed-circuit television</li></ul>   | <b>(A)</b>    | ®               | 0               | 0            | VE217594 |
| j. Online content (e.g., Podcasts or streaming videos)   | <b>(A)</b>    | B               | ©               | 0            | VE217595 |

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- 2. Which statement best describes computer availability for your writing instruction?
  - There is no computer for student use.
  - ® There is one computer shared by all students.
  - © More than three students share one computer.
  - Two or three students share one computer.
  - © Each student has a computer.

- 3. Do you have access to the Internet when you teach writing to your students?
  - Yes, always
  - Yes, sometimes
  - © No

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4. How often do you ask your students to do the following when you ask them to write about something? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never<br>or hardly<br>ever | Sometimes | Very often | Always<br>or almost<br>always |          |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| a. Explain (for example, provide information about a topic or steps in a process) | <b>(A)</b>                 | <b>®</b>  | ©          | •                             | VE088137 |
| b. Persuade (for example, convince someone to do something)                       | <b>(A)</b>                 | ®         | ©          | •                             | VE088140 |
| c. Convey experience (for example, write about personal or imagined experiences)  | A                          | ®         | O          | •                             | VE088141 |

5. How often do you ask your students to write to each of the following audiences? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|                            | Never<br>or hardly<br>ever | A few<br>times a<br>year                    | Once or twice a month | At least<br>once a<br>week |          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| a. Family members          | A                          | ®   | 0                     | •                          | VE088059 |
| b. School officials        | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | ©                     | •                          | VE088062 |
| c. Other students          | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                     | •                          | VE088085 |
| d. Community organizations | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                     | •                          | VE088087 |
| e. Government officials    | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                     | •                          | VE088088 |
| f. Businesses              | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                     | •                          | VE088091 |
| g. Other (please specify): | <b>(A)</b>                 | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©                     | •                          | VE088093 |
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6. How often do you ask your students to write the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|                           | Never<br>or hardly<br>ever | A few<br>times a<br>year                    | Once or twice a month | At least<br>once a<br>week |          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| a. Informational essays   | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE112054 |
| b. Letters                | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088152 |
| c. Speeches               | A                          | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088154 |
| d. Personal essays        | A                          | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088155 |
| e. Stories                | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | 0                          | VE088156 |
| f. Poems                  | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | 0                          | VE088157 |
| g. Journal entries        | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088158 |
| h. Editorials             | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088159 |
| i. Book reviews           | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088160 |
| j. Multistep instructions | A                          | $^{	ext{																																		$ | 0                     | <b>(D)</b>                 | VE088161 |
| k. Song lyrics            | <b>(A)</b>                 | ®   | ©                     | <b>(</b>                   | VE088163 |

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- 7. How often do you allow your students to choose the form (e.g., stories, poems, essays) they use in a writing assignment?
  - Never

- Less than half of the time
- About half of the time
- More than half of the time

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8. Overall, what percentage of your instructional time teaching writing is spent on each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | 0%         | 1-5%      | 6-10% | 11-25%     | 26-50%     | 51-75%     | 76-90%   | Over<br>90% |          |
|---|------------|-----------|-------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| a. Development of ideas   | <b>(A)</b> | <b>®</b>  | ©     | <b>(</b>   | (E)        | (Ē)        | <b>©</b> | $\oplus$    | VE088173 |
| b. Organization of ideas  | <b>(A)</b> | $^{lack}$ | ©     | <b>(</b>   | (E)        | (Ē)        | <b>©</b> | $\oplus$    | VE088174 |
| c. Effectiveness of<br>expression (e.g.,<br>sentence variety, word<br>choice, tone) | <b>(A)</b> | B         | ©     | <b>(D)</b> | <b>(E)</b> | (F)        | ©        | $^{\oplus}$ | VE088175 |
| d. Mechanics and conventions (e.g., spelling, grammar, punctuation)                 | <b>(A)</b> | B         | ©     | 0          | Œ          | (Ē)        | ©        | $^{\oplus}$ | VE088177 |
| e. Other (please specify):  | (A)        | <b>B</b>  | ©     | <b>(b)</b> | Œ          | <b>(E)</b> | ©        | <b>(B)</b>  | VE112108 |
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9. During the past two years, how often did you participate in any of the following professional development activities related to the teaching of writing? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never<br>or hardly<br>ever | A few<br>times a<br>year | Once or twice a month | At least<br>once a<br>week |          |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| a. College course taken after your first certification                | <b>(A)</b>                 | B                        | ©                     | 0                          | VE088201 |
| b. Conference or professional association meeting                     | <b>(A)</b>                 | B                        | 0                     | •                          | VE088203 |
| c. Observational visit to another school or classroom                 | <b>(A)</b>                 | B                        | 0                     | 0                          | VE088207 |
| d. Mentoring and/or peer observation and coaching                     | A                          | ®                        | 0                     | 0                          | VE088210 |
| e. Writing activities that are a part of national writing initiatives | A                          | B                        | ©                     | •                          | VE088211 |

- 10. During the past two years, which describes your participation in workshops or training sessions on writing?
  - I did not attend any workshops about writing.
  - ® I attended workshops that met for less than a day.
  - © I attended workshops that met for a full day.
  - ① I attended workshops that met for more than one day.

- 11. During the past two years, have you written outside of school for publication or public presentation?
  - A Yes
  - ® No

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12. How often do you ask your students to do the following when you ask them to write about something? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

|   | Never<br>or hardly<br>ever | Sometimes | Very often | Always<br>or almost<br>always |          |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| a. Use a computer for drafting and revising their writing                       | A                          | ®         | 0          | •                             | VE088361 |
| b. Use a computer to complete writing that is started by hand                   | A                          | ®         | 0          | •                             | VE088363 |
| c. Use word processing tools to check spelling or use a dictionary or thesaurus | <b>(A)</b>                 | ®         | 0          | <b>(</b>                      | VE088364 |
| d. Use the Internet to get information for their writing                        | A                          | <b>®</b>  | 0          | •                             | VE088366 |
| e. Assess their own writing by using a specific rubric                          | <b>(A)</b>                 | ®         | 0          | •                             | VE088371 |
| f. Assess the writing of other students by using rubrics                        | <b>(A)</b>                 | ®         | ©          | •                             | VE088375 |

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| 13. | How often do you use constudents (excluding plann                                   | -          | _   | art of yo | our deli  | very of | classro     | om inst  | ruction     |          |
|     | Never or hardly ever  |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     | ® Sometimes   |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     | © Very often  |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     | Always or almost alw  | ays        |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     |   |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
| 14. | Based on keyboarding ins<br>the keyboarding skills exp                              |            |   |           |           |         |             |          | est desc    | ribes    |
|     | No typing skill is exp  | ecte       | d becaus                                    | se we do  | o not giv | ve form | al keyb     | oarding  | ginstru     | ction.   |
|     | ® Two-finger typing   |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     | © Basic touch-typing  |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     | Rapid and accurate to   | ouch-      | typing                                      |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
|     |   |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             |          |
| 15. | When grading/evaluating grade/evaluation is based                                   |            |   |           |           |         |             |          |             | of the   |
|     |   | 0%         | 1–5%  | 6-10%     | 11-25%    | 26-50%  | 51-75%      | 76-90%   | Over<br>90% |          |
|     | a. Development of ideas   | <b>(A)</b> | $^{	ext{	B}}$                               | 0         | 0         | Œ       | (E)         | <b>©</b> | $\oplus$    | VE088184 |
|     | b. Organization of ideas  | $\bigcirc$ | $^{	ext{																																		$ | ©         | <b>(</b>  | (E)     | (Ē)         | <b>©</b> | $\oplus$    | VE088186 |
|     | c. Effectiveness of<br>expression (e.g.,<br>sentence variety, word<br>choice, tone) | <b>(A)</b> | ₿   | ©         | 0         | (E)     | <b>(</b> E) | ©        | <b>(H)</b>  | VE088188 |
|     | d. Mechanics and conventions (e.g., spelling, grammar, punctuation)                 | <b>(A)</b> | (B)   | 0         | 0         | (E)     | (F)         | ©        | (11)        | VE088189 |
|     | e. Other (please specify):  | <b>(A)</b> | ®   | 0         | •         | Ē       | (Ē)         | <b>©</b> | $\oplus$    | VE110929 |
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