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# National Assessment of Educational Progress

## 2008 Arts Assessment: Music and Visual Arts

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About This Sample Questions Booklet

On behalf of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) project team, I want to thank you and other members of your school team for agreeing to participate in the NAEP assessment. Your participation is essential and highly valued. The data that NAEP provides about student achievement in various subjects are widely used by parents, educators, and researchers throughout the nation.

This sample questions booklet illustrates the kinds of exercises or test questions and tasks that are used in this assessment of student achievement in music and visual arts. Each student will be asked questions about one subject, not both, to minimize the burden on students. Eighth-graders will be asked to complete one general background section (less than 10 minutes), one subject-specific background section (10 minutes), and the cognitive sections for one subject (approximately one–two hours).

This booklet is divided into four sections. Section one includes the general background questions that eighth-graders will be asked to answer. Students will be asked questions about their racial and ethnic background, parental education, educational materials in the home, and the amount of time they spend on homework each day. This information is confidential, as student names never leave the school.

The second and third sections of this booklet contain descriptions of each assessment. The booklet also includes questions about specific subject matter that seek information from the student’s point of view about how useful the students believe the particular subject matter is to their lives and their future. These sections also describe the tasks in the arts that participating students may encounter. Although the actual questions in the assessment must be safeguarded to maintain the integrity of the assessment and resulting data, the sample tasks are intended to preview the kinds of activities that are part of the 2008 assessment.

The fourth section contains information about the program’s purpose and what procedures to follow to obtain access to NAEP questions for further review.

Again, the project team appreciates your willingness to allow NAEP to conduct the assessment at your institution. If you have any questions or comments regarding the NAEP program or this booklet, please refer to http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard, or call Sherran Osborne of NCES at (202) 502-7420.

Peggy G. Carr, Associate Commissioner
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National Center for Education Statistics

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General Background Questionnaire

DIRECTIONS

In each of the next two sections, you will answer a series of questions about music or art. You should think carefully about your answers, and you should use all the time available to complete each section.

You will be asked to respond to several different types of questions. Some of the questions will require you to choose the best answer and fill in the oval for that answer in your booklet.

Example 1

The artwork *Guernica* is a

- painting
- sculpture
- bas relief
- installation

For other questions, you will be asked to write short answers on the blank lines provided in your booklet. Here is an example of a question that requires you to provide a short answer.

Example 2

Identify one characteristic of the work that helps to identify it as being a contemporary work of art.

The artist takes a common object and makes it much bigger than it really is.
You will also be asked to answer some questions by writing longer, more detailed responses on a full page of blank lines. For example, here is a question that requires you to provide a longer answer.

**Example 3**

Explain three reasons why the song you just heard was used by people doing work in fields.

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The song was good for people doing work for three reasons. It has a slow steady beat. It has long words to learn. It also has a nice melody. This is why people use this music to work.

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When you are asked to write your response, be sure that your handwriting is clear. Think carefully about each question, and make your answers as complete as possible, using as many lines as you need.

Finally, in some questions you may be asked to draw pictures or work with other materials.

If you finish before time is called, be sure to look at your work again and change anything in your answers that you think will make them better.

Do not go past the **STOP** sign until you are told to do so.
Student Background Questionnaire

For Music and Visual Arts

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in one or more ovals.
   - ☐ White
   - ☐ Black or African American
   - ☐ Asian
   - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
   - ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only one oval for each question.

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No
   - ☐ I don’t know.

4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No
   - ☐ I don’t know.
5. About how many books are there in your home?
   ☐ Few (0–10)
   ☐ Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
   ☐ Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
   ☐ Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)

6. Is there a computer at home that you use?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ I don’t know.

8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?
   ☐ 5 or fewer
   ☐ 6–10
   ☐ 11–15
   ☐ 16–20
   ☐ More than 20

9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?
   ☐ Never or hardly ever
   ☐ Once every few weeks
   ☐ About once a week
   ☐ Two or three times a week
   ☐ Every day

10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?
    ☐ None
    ☐ 1 or 2 days
    ☐ 3 or 4 days
    ☐ 5 to 10 days
    ☐ More than 10 days

11. How far in school did your mother go?
    ☐ She did not finish high school.
    ☐ She graduated from high school.
    ☐ She had some education after high school.
    ☐ She graduated from college.
    ☐ I don’t know.
12. How far in school did your father go?
   ☑ He did not finish high school.
   ☑ He graduated from high school.
   ☑ He had some education after high school.
   ☑ He graduated from college.
   ☑ I don't know.

13. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?
   ☑ Never
   ☑ Once in a while
   ☑ About half of the time
   ☑ All or most of the time
The Music Assessment

The NAEP Music assessment measures what students know and can do in the field of music. This includes (1) knowledge and understanding of musical works, including their personal, historical, cultural, and social contexts, and (2) perceptual, technical, and intellectual/reflective skills evidenced in evaluating musical works.

Each student participating in the assessment will take two timed cognitive blocks that contain multiple-choice questions, as well as short and extended constructed-response questions. Students participating in the music assessment may be asked to

- Describe and identify music that is played, using musical terms.
- Demonstrate understanding of musical notation.
- Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of others’ performances.
Student Background Questionnaire

Music

This section has 10 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Follow the instructions for each question.

1. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Fill in one oval on each line.

   a. I like to listen to music. 
   b. I like to play music alone or with others. 
   c. I think I have talent for music. 
   d. People tell me I am a good musician. 
   e. I like to play music for other people. 
   f. I would like to be a musician when I grow up. 

2. When you take music class in school, how often does your teacher do each of the following things? Fill in one oval on each line.

   a. Play music for you to listen to 
   b. Ask you to sing 
   c. Ask you to play instruments 
   d. Ask you to write down music 
   e. Ask you to work on group assignments 
   f. Ask you to make up your own music 

   Almost every day  Once or twice a week  Once or twice a month  Never or hardly ever  I don’t have music.
3. Which of the following activities do you do in school? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>b. Play in an orchestra</td>
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<td>c. Sing in a chorus or choir</td>
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<td>d. Take private singing lessons</td>
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<td>e. Take private lessons on an instrument</td>
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4. Do you have your own musical instrument?
   - Yes
   - No

5. In the last year, how many times did you go with your class to a concert?
   - None
   - 1 or 2 times
   - 3 or more times
6. When you are not in school, do you ever do the following things on your own, not in connection with schoolwork? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>a. Play with a group, band, or orchestra</td>
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<td>b. Sing in a group, chorus, or choir</td>
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<td>c. Play a musical instrument on your own</td>
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<td>d. Take private lessons on a musical instrument or in singing</td>
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<td>e. Listen to a musical tape, CD, or record</td>
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<td>f. Enter a music competition</td>
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<td>g. Go to a summer music program</td>
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<td>h. Read a book about music</td>
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<td>i. Watch a videotape or television program about music</td>
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<td>j. Talk with your family or friends about music</td>
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7. Have you ever listened to a musical performance in any of the following places? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>d. On television</td>
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8. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?
   - Easier than other tests
   - About as hard as other tests
   - Harder than other tests
   - Much harder than other tests

9. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?
   - Not as hard as on other tests
   - About as hard as on other tests
   - Harder than on other tests
   - Much harder than on other tests

10. How important was it to you to do well on this test?
    - Not very important
    - Somewhat important
    - Important
    - Very important
The Visual Arts Assessment

The NAEP Visual Arts assessment measures what students know and can do in visual arts. This includes (1) knowledge and understanding of works of visual art, including the personal, historical, cultural, and social contexts for artworks, and (2) perceptual, technical, and intellectual/reflective skills evidenced in the evaluation of works of art.

Each student participating in the assessment will take two timed cognitive blocks that contain multiple-choice questions, as well as short and extended constructed-response questions. Students participating in the visual arts assessment may be asked to

- Look at reproductions of artworks from a variety of genres and cultural contexts, analyze and describe different characteristics of the works, and describe the historical and social contexts of the works.
- Consider principles of the design of practical objects.
- Use aesthetic and pragmatic considerations to design new objects.
Student Background Questionnaire

Visual Arts

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Follow the instructions for each question.

1. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Fill in one oval on each line.

   a. I like to look at art.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

   b. I like to do artwork.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

   c. I think I have talent for art.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

   d. People tell me I am a good artist.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

   e. I like to show my artwork to other people.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

   f. I would like to be an artist when I grow up.  
      Agree  Not sure  Disagree

2. Are you taking an art course now, or have you taken an art course this year?
   ☑ Yes
   ☐ No
3. When you have art in school, how often does your teacher have you do the following things? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>a. Paint or draw</td>
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<td>d. Work in a pair or a group on an art project</td>
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4. How often does your teacher have you show your artwork in an exhibit?
☐ Once or twice a month
☐ Once or twice a year
☐ Never or hardly ever

5. In school, do you ever illustrate your work in other subjects?
☐ Yes
☐ No

6. Do you keep an art journal or sketchbook in school?
☐ Yes
☐ No

7. Do either you or your teacher save your artwork in a portfolio?
☐ Yes
☐ No
8. How often do you have homework for art class?
   ☐ About once a week
   ☐ About once a month
   ☐ Never or hardly ever

9. In the last year, how many times did you go with your class to an art museum, gallery, or exhibit?
   ☐ None
   ☐ 1 or 2 times
   ☐ 3 or more times

10. When you are not in school, do you ever do the following things on your own, not in connection with schoolwork? Fill in one oval on each line.

   a. Go to an art museum or exhibit
   b. Take art classes
   c. Make artwork
   d. Exhibit your artwork
   e. Enter an art competition
   f. Go to a summer art program
   g. Look at or read a book about art
   h. Watch a videotape or television program about art
   i. Talk with your family or friends about art
   j. Visit an artist’s studio
   k. Keep an art journal or sketchbook

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NAEP Questions Tool

Introduction

After every assessment cycle, NAEP releases a portion of the main assessment to the public. The NAEP Questions Tool allows users to view those questions, as well as their associated scoring guides, keys, classification information, performance data, student group data, and actual student responses (for constructed-response questions only). The purpose of the tool is to provide teachers, researchers, and educators greater access to NAEP assessment exercises.

The tool also allows users to print selected questions and all their relevant information.

How to Access

The direct URL to NAEP Questions is http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/itmrls, or click NAEP Questions on the Nation’s Report Card™ home page.

What information can I get about each question?

When you select a question to view, a screen similar to the one below will be displayed.

![Question Screen]

Information related to a selected question is available by clicking the tabs at the top of the screen. This information includes the following:

Question: Shows the printable version of the question. When the screen first displays, the question will display. Click on this tab to redisplay the question after another choice has been selected.

Performance Data: Shows information about how students scored on the question.

Content Classification: Shows information about how the question relates to the subject area framework. This includes a description of the content domain—what is being assessed—and the cognitive skills within that domain.
Scoring Guide/Key: Shows the scoring guide or rubric for constructed-response questions and the correct answer for multiple-choice questions.

Student Responses: Shows actual student responses to the question for each score level.

More Data: Displays additional data for each item, including how groups of students (gender, race/ethnicity, parents’ highest level of education, type of school, region of the country, type of location, National School Lunch Program, and achievement level) performed on this question. Provides a link to the NAEP Data Explorer, where you can search for more specific national and state NAEP data.

Question: When the screen first appears, the question will be displayed, and the Question tab will be highlighted. When you are viewing related information other than the question itself, click on this tab to re-display the question.

Links within the question: The question and related graphics or text passages may not fit on the screen area without scrolling. To help you view the different parts of the question, we have added several links above the question on the right side of the screen to such content as the content classification.

The names of the links may change depending on the type of question and the subject area. Such information as a reading passage or a map may be included in this link.

Note that the questions have been formatted to display on the screen and may not be presented in the same way as they were to the student.
**Performance Data:** Shows information about how students scored on the question.

*For Multiple-Choice Questions:* Shows the percentage of students who answered the question incorrectly or correctly, or who omitted the item.

**2005 National Performance Results**

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Note:
- These results are for public and nonpublic school students.
- Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

*For Constructed-Response Questions:* Shows the percentage of students who scored at each score level, or who omitted the question or were off-task.

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The scoring criteria will vary depending on the subject and type of question. Click on **Scoring Guide/Key** to see a description of the score levels used for each question.
**Content Classification**: Shows information about how the question relates to the subject area framework. This includes a description of the *content domain*—what is being assessed—and the *cognitive skills* within that domain.

Use the links on the upper right of the Content Classification screen to move between the sections of the screen. Note that the name of the links will vary depending on subject and question type.

For a more extensive description of the subject area you have chosen, click on **Subject Info** at the top of the screen next to the subject name.
Scoring Guide/Key: Shows information about how the question was scored.

For Multiple-Choice Questions: Shows the “key” or correct answer for the question.

Key

10. In the United States, taxes are NOT used for

- A) building churches
- B) funding public libraries
- C) building roads
- D) taking care of parks

For Constructed-Response Questions: Shows the scoring guide used to determine the score for the student’s answer.

Scoring Guide

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<td>The response makes accurate observations that lack direct comparisons e.g. &quot;her life was hard&quot;, &quot;she worked hard&quot;, &quot;she had to do chores and wash.&quot; OR use of third-person to describe her actions, such as &quot;she made sixteen dozen candies.&quot;</td>
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<td>The response does not correctly identify a difference between Fuller's day and a modern one. Statements about actions that we all do, as in &quot;she washed&quot; are not acceptable. A restatement of the diary, such as &quot;we baked two dozen of pies&quot; is not acceptable.</td>
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Note that the scoring criteria will vary depending on the subject and type of question.
**Student Responses:** Shows actual student responses to the question for each score level.

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<td>10. What is one lesson that could be learned from reading this passage? Use information from the passage to support your answer.</td>
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<td>dreams don't only come true in fairy tales because Dr. Lucid really wanted to be an astronaut and she finally did become an astronaut.</td>
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Use the scroll bar to move between the sections of the screen. Note that student responses are available only for constructed-response questions.

In some subjects, you will find a **Scorer’s Commentary** button after the student responses. Each subject offers a different model for the scorer’s commentary—some provide one for every response, others for both responses. The scorer’s commentary gives you additional information on why the response received the score that it did and often refers back to the scoring guide.
More Data: Shows information about how groups of students performed on the question. This information enables you to see comparisons between the groups of students. From this screen you can also link to the NAEP Data Explorer (http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata).

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Information about the performance of the following student groups is included on the More Data screen:

- Gender
- Race/Ethnicity
- Parents’ Highest Level of Education
- Type of School
- Region of the Country
- Type of Location
- National School Lunch Program
- Achievement Level
Where can I find more information about the subjects NAEP assesses?

You can find information about each subject by clicking on Subject Info at the top of the screen next to the subject name.

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