



Civics Student Questionnaire

**2017
Grade 8
(Pilot)**

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1. In which of the following grades have you learned about civics and/or United States government? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes, I took a class or course mainly focused on civics and/or United States government.	Yes, I took a class or course that included some civics and/or United States government topics.	No, I did not take a class or course that taught civics and/or United States government topics.	I don't remember.	
a. 5th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH457393
b. 6th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH457394
c. 7th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH457396
d. 8th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH457397

2. In your social studies class this year, how much have you studied the following topics? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot	
a. The United States Constitution	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457358
b. The three branches of the United States government (executive, judicial, and legislative branches)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457359
c. How laws are made	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457363
d. Political parties, elections, and voting	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457366
e. State government and local government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457367
f. Other countries' governments (for example, their structure, how they are run, or interactions with the United States)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457368
g. International organizations (for example, the United Nations, World Bank, or World Health Organization)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457369
h. Current political and social issues	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457372

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3. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read material from a civics and/or United States government textbook	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457410
b. Read extra material about civics and/or United States government not in the regular textbook (for example, newspapers, magazines, or online sources)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457411
c. Discuss material about civics and/or United States government with peers or teachers	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457413
d. Conduct research about civics and/or United States government topics (for example, in a library or through interviews or observations)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457415
e. Listen to or watch movies, videos, or online content about civics and/or United States government topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457417

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4. During this school year so far, how often have you done each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	Once	Two or three times	Four or five times	More than five times	
a. Gone on class field trips to learn about civics and/or United States government topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457429
b. Given class presentations on civics and/or United States government topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457430
c. Written about your opinion on a community problem or social issue (for example, in a letter, e-mail, or blog post)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457486
d. Taken part in political debates or panel discussions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457487
e. Taken part in role-playing, mock trials, or dramas about civics and/or United States government topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457489

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5. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following when you study civics and/or United States government? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Study the roles and functions of the three branches of the United States government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457503
b. Study the rights and responsibilities of United States citizens	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457504
c. Examine how the United States influences and is influenced by events in other countries	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457505
d. Compare the roles and responsibilities of local, state, and national governments in the United States	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457506
e. Study why it is important to pay attention to the political process and government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457508
f. Study why it is important for individuals to participate in the political process and government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457510
g. Support an opinion about an issue or problem with reasons and examples	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457524
h. Discuss the political process and government with others	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457525

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6. When you study social studies, how often do you use computers or other digital devices to do the following? For this question, include both schoolwork and homework assignments. Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Organize information about civics and/or United States government topics by creating tables, charts, or graphs	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457548
b. Create reports or projects about civics and/or United States government using different forms of media (for example, a slide presentation that combines text and video clips)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457549
c. Participate in online discussions about civics and/or United States government on a website (for example, in forums or social media)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457550
d. Use the Internet to look for evidence or sources (for example, text documents, photographic images, or films)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457551

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7. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. Civics and/or United States government are my favorite topics to study.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457560
b. Schoolwork about civics and/or United States government is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457561
c. I enjoy doing schoolwork about civics and/or United States government.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457563
d. I enjoy discussing civics and/or United States government topics with others.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457570
e. I think that civics and/or United States government schoolwork helps me understand what is happening in the world around me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457571
f. I think that learning about civics and/or United States government topics will be important for my future.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457572

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8. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following **outside of school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read about current political events in the media	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457769
b. Watch movies, videos, and/or TV programs about current political events	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457770
c. Communicate with government officials (for example, mayor, council member, or governor) about an issue or problem	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457772
d. Participate in volunteer activities in your community	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457773
e. Talk about the political process and government with others	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457775
f. Discuss current political events or issues with others (for example, people in my home or friends)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457776

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9. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I believe I can make a difference in my community.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457831
b. By working with others in the community, I can help make things better.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457832
c. Being actively involved in community issues is my responsibility.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457833
d. Being concerned about state and local issues is an important responsibility for everybody.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457834
e. I have good ideas for programs and projects that would help solve problems in my community.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457835
f. Three years from now, I expect to be involved in improving my community.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457836

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10. Do you think that you would be able to do each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Explain the roles and functions of the three branches of the United States government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457878
b. Explain the rights and responsibilities of United States citizens	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457879
c. Explain how the United States influences and is influenced by events in other countries	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457880
d. Compare the roles and responsibilities of local, state, and national governments in the United States	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457882
e. Explain why it is important to pay attention to the political process and government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457884
f. Explain why it is important for individuals to participate in the political process and government	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457885

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11. Do you think that you would be able to do each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Support an opinion about an issue or problem with reasons and examples	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457896
b. Discuss the political process and government with others	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457897
c. Understand other people's perspectives on social issues (for example, neighborhood safety, Internet privacy, or environmental conservation)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457904
d. Form an effective plan for addressing social issues	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457905

12. When you study civics and/or United States government, how much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want other students to think I am a good student.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565610
b. I want to show others that my schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565611
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565612
d. I want to get better grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565613

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13. When you study civics and/or United States government, how much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want to learn as much as possible in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565705
b. I want to master a lot of new skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565706
c. I want to become a better student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565708
d. I want to get good grades in my schoolwork.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565709
e. I want to understand as much as I can in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565710

14. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want other students to think I am a good civics and/or United States government student.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565719
b. I want to show others that my civics and/or United States government schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565720
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my social studies, civics, and/or United States government class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565721
d. I want to get better civics and/or United States government grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565722

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15. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I want to learn as much as possible about civics and/or United States government in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565729
b. I want to master a lot of new civics and/or United States government skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565730
c. I want to become a better civics and/or United States government student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565732
d. I want to get good grades in my civics and/or United States government schoolwork.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565734
e. I want to understand as much as I can about civics and/or United States government in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565735

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16. How often do you receive help from a tutor, family member, or friend with social studies **outside of school or after school**?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ About once or twice a year
- Ⓒ About once or twice a month
- Ⓓ About once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Every day or almost every day

17. In your social studies class this year, how often do you get the following assignments? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the lessons	About half of the lessons	More than half of the lessons	All or almost all of the lessons	
a. Assignments that you have to complete together with other students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457532
b. Short written responses (for example, a paragraph or less)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457533
c. Assignments that use different forms of media (for example, photos, videos, or music)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457534
d. Long written responses (for example, several paragraphs)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457540
e. Responses to questions based on information from several sources (for example, letters, cartoons, or maps)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457542

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18. Approximately how many hours a day do you spend on your **social studies** homework?

- Ⓐ Less than 30 minutes a day
- Ⓑ 30 minutes up to 1 hour a day
- Ⓒ 1 up to 2 hours a day
- Ⓓ 2 up to 3 hours a day
- Ⓔ 3 up to 4 hours a day
- Ⓕ More than 4 hours a day

19. In your social studies class this school year, how often have you done each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the time	About half of the time	More than half of the time	All or almost all of the time	
a. I came to my social studies class prepared.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457921
b. I remembered and followed directions from my social studies teacher.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457922
c. I started working on social studies assignments right away rather than waiting until the last minute.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457923
d. I paid attention and resisted distractions during social studies class.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457924
e. I stayed on task without reminders from my social studies teacher.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH457925

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