



Student Example Questionnaire

2017
Grade 8
(Pilot)

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1. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

- Ⓐ Not very important
- Ⓑ Somewhat important
- Ⓒ Important
- Ⓓ Very important

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2. How easy or difficult was this test?

- Ⓐ Extremely difficult
- Ⓑ Quite difficult
- Ⓒ Somewhat difficult
- Ⓓ Somewhat easy
- Ⓔ Quite easy
- Ⓕ Extremely easy

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3. How much effort did you apply to succeed on this test?

- Ⓐ No effort at all
- Ⓑ Very little effort
- Ⓒ Some effort
- Ⓓ Quite a bit of effort
- Ⓔ A lot of effort

4. How challenging was taking this test?

- Ⓐ Not challenging at all
- Ⓑ A little challenging
- Ⓒ Somewhat challenging
- Ⓓ Quite challenging
- Ⓔ Extremely challenging

5. How much time pressure did you feel when taking this test?

- Ⓐ No time pressure at all
- Ⓑ A little bit of time pressure
- Ⓒ Some time pressure
- Ⓓ Quite a bit of time pressure
- Ⓔ A lot of time pressure

6. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Select **one or more** answer choices.

- Ⓐ 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.

7. Which of the following best describes you? Select **one or more** answer choices.

- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

8. 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)

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9. Do you have any of the following in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Access to the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271105
b. Clothes dryer just for your family	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336756
c. Dishwasher	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336759
d. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336762
e. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH591976
f. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271110
g. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271112

10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

- A None
- B 1 or 2 days
- C 3 or 4 days
- D 5 to 10 days
- E More than 10 days

11. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

- A Never or hardly ever
- B Once every few weeks
- C About once a week
- D Two or three times a week
- E Every day

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12. 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.

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13. 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.

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14. Does **your mother** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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15. Does **your father** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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16. Do any of the following people live in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Mother	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271145
b. Stepmother	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271146
c. Foster mother or other female legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271147
d. Father	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271148
e. Stepfather	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271149
f. Foster father or other male legal guardian	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271150

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17. 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	Very much like me	
a. I finish whatever I begin.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271338
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271339
c. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271342
d. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271345

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18. 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	Very much like me	
a. I like complex problems more than easy problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271750
b. I like activities that challenge my thinking abilities.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271752
c. I enjoy situations where I will have to think about something.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271753
d. I enjoy thinking about new solutions to problems.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271756

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19. In this school year, how often have you felt any of the following ways about your school? 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 felt awkward and out of place at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271942
b. I felt happy at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271944
c. I felt that I learned something that I can use in my daily life.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336903

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20. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the box.

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21. 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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22. 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

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23. 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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24. 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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25. 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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26. 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

27. 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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH457393
b. 6th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH457394
c. 7th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH457396
d. 8th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH457397

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28. 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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29. 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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457532
b. Short written responses (for example, a paragraph or less)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457533
c. Assignments that use different forms of media (for example, photos, videos, or music)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457534
d. Long written responses (for example, several paragraphs)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457540
e. Responses to questions based on information from several sources (for example, letters, cartoons, or maps)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457542

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30. 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

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

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

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32. 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

33. 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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