



# Geography Student Questionnaire

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**2017  
Grade 8  
(Pilot)**

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1. In which of the following grades have you learned about geography? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes, I took a class or course mainly focused on geography.	Yes, I took a class or course that included some geography topics.	No, I did not take a class or course that taught geography topics.	I don't remember.	
a. 5th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459043
b. 6th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459044
c. 7th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459045
d. 8th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459046

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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. Using physical or digital maps (for example, a road map, MapQuest, or Google Maps) and globes	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459049
b. Natural resources (for example, oil, forests, or water)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459050
c. Countries and cultures	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459051
d. Environmental issues (for example, pollution, recycling, climate change, or genetically modified food)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459052

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 geography textbook	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459128
b. Read extra material about geography not in the regular textbook (for example, newspapers, magazines, or online sources)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459129
c. Discuss material about geography with peers or teachers	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459130
d. Conduct research about geography topics (for example, in a library or through interviews or observations)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459134
e. Listen to or watch movies, videos, or online content about geography topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459135

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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 geography topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459148
b. Given class presentations on geography topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459149
c. Written about your opinion on geographic problems or issues (for example, in a letter, e-mail, or blog post)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459156
d. Taken part in environmental debates or panel discussions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459157

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

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Use a map (for example, a road map, MapQuest, or Google Maps), atlas, or globe to locate different cities, countries, and continents	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459163
b. Examine how natural features of the Earth (for example, rivers or mountains) are formed	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459165
c. Measure distances and sizes of areas on maps	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459168
d. Examine what makes different regions in the United States unique	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459169
e. Examine why groups of people migrate to different parts of the world	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459183
f. Examine how humans affect the natural environment	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459184
g. Examine how humans adjust to the natural environment	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH602888
h. Examine why different food and energy resources are traded globally	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459185
i. Use geographic information (for example, maps, satellite images, or population data) to answer a question or solve a problem	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459188

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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. Use games or apps in which you play a role (for example, an explorer, geographer, or historian)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459265
b. Organize information about geography topics by creating tables, charts, or graphs	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459268
c. Create reports or projects about geography using different forms of media (for example, a slide presentation that combines text and video clips)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459269
d. Participate in online discussions about geography on a website (for example, in forums or social media)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459270
e. Use the Internet to look for evidence or sources (for example, text documents, photographic images, or films)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459271

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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. Geography is one of my favorite subjects to study.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459276
b. Schoolwork about geography is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459277
c. I enjoy doing schoolwork about geography.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459280
d. I enjoy discussing geography topics with others.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459283
e. I think that geography schoolwork helps me understand what is happening in the world around me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459284
f. I think that learning about geography topics will be important for my future.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459285

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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. Use online maps (for example, Google Maps, MapQuest, or Bing Maps)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459293
b. Read about geographic issues	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459295
c. Give friends or family directions on how to get somewhere	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459297
d. Look up geographic information in books or on the web	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459298
e. Travel to places outside of your town	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459299
f. Talk to friends or family about geographic topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459300

9. 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

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. Use a map (for example, a road map, MapQuest, or Google Maps), atlas, or globe to locate different cities, countries, and continents	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459342
b. Describe how natural features of the Earth (for example, rivers or mountains) are formed	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459344
c. Measure distances and sizes of areas on maps	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459345
d. Describe what makes different regions in the United States unique	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459346
e. Explain why groups of people migrate to different parts of the world	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459357
f. Explain how humans affect the natural environment	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459358
g. Explain how humans adjust to the natural environment	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH602980
h. Explain why different food and energy resources are traded globally	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459359
i. Use geographic information (for example, maps, satellite images, or population data) to answer a question or solve a problem	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH459361

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11. 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.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457921
b. I remembered and followed directions from my social studies teacher.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457922
c. I started working on social studies assignments right away rather than waiting until the last minute.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457923
d. I paid attention and resisted distractions during social studies class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457924
e. I stayed on task without reminders from my social studies teacher.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH457925

12. When you study geography, 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)	VH565898
b. I want to show others that my schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565899
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565903
d. I want to get better grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565901

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13. When you study geography, 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)	VH565908
b. I want to master a lot of new skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565909
c. I want to become a better student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565911
d. I want to get good grades in my schoolwork.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565912
e. I want to understand as much as I can in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565910

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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 geography student.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565917
b. I want to show others that my geography schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565918
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my social studies or geography class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565922
d. I want to get better geography grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565920

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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 geography in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565927
b. I want to master a lot of new geography skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565928
c. I want to become a better geography student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565930
d. I want to get good grades in my geography schoolwork.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565931
e. I want to understand as much as I can about geography in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH565929

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16. 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

17. 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

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