



Geography Student Questionnaire

2018
Grade 8

VH240003

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)

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 often do you use the Internet for homework at home?

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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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.

14. 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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15. Does **your mother** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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16. Does **your father** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

17. 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

18. In this school year, how often did you use a **laptop or desktop computer** (including Chromebooks) during your classes at school?

- A Never
- B In some classes
- C In about half of the classes
- D In more than half of the classes
- E In all or almost all classes

19. In this school year, how often did you use a **tablet** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) during your classes at school?

- A Never
- B In some classes
- C In about half of the classes
- D In more than half of the classes
- E In all or almost all classes

20. 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.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271338
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271339
c. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271342
d. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271345

21. In 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 started working on assignments right away rather than waiting until the last minute.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271370
b. I paid attention and resisted distractions.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271372
c. I stayed on task without reminders from my teacher.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271374
d. I paid attention in class even when I was not interested.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271375

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22. 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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23. 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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24. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the box.

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25. 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. 6th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459044
b. 7th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459045
c. 8th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH459046

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26. 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. Use of physical or digital maps (for example, a road map, MapQuest, or Google Maps) and globes	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717072
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

27. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following activities? 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 (print or digital)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717181
b. Read extra material about geography not in the regular textbook (for example, newspapers, magazines, or online sources)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717182
c. Conduct research about geography topics (for example, online, in a library, or through interviews)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717184
d. Listen to or watch movies, videos, or online content about geography topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717183

28. During this school year so far, how often have you done each of the following activities? 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)	VH717246
b. Given class presentations on geography topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717249
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)	VH717248
d. Taken part in environmental debates or panel discussions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717247

29. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following activities 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717201
b. Examine how natural features of Earth (for example, rivers or mountains) are formed	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717202
c. Examine why groups of people migrate to different parts of the world	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717209
d. Examine how humans affect the natural environment	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717206
e. Examine how humans adjust to the natural environment	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717205
f. Examine why different food and energy resources are traded globally	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717207
g. Use geographic information (for example, maps, satellite images, or population data) to answer a question or solve a problem	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH717208

30. 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

31. 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. Play games or use apps in which you play a role (for example, an explorer, geographer, or historian)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH727929
b. Organize information about geography topics by creating tables, charts, or graphs	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459268
c. Create reports or projects about geography using different forms of media (for example, a slide presentation that combines text and video clips)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459269
d. Participate in online discussions about geography on a website (for example, in forums or social media)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459270
e. Use the Internet to look for evidence or sources (for example, text documents, photographic images, or films)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459271

32. 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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459342
b. Describe how natural features of Earth (for example, rivers or mountains) are formed	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH728006
c. Explain why groups of people migrate to different parts of the world	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459357
d. Explain how humans affect the natural environment	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459358
e. Explain how humans adjust to the natural environment	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH602980
f. Explain why different food and energy resources are traded globally	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459359
g. Use geographic information (for example, maps, satellite images, or population data) to answer a question or solve a problem	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459361

33. How much does each of the following statements describe 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)	VH717291
b. I want to show others that my geography schoolwork is easy for me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717294
c. I want to look smart in comparison to the other students in my social studies or geography class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717292
d. I want to get better geography grades than most other students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717293

34. How much does each of the following statements describe 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)	VH717302
b. I want to master a lot of new geography skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717303
c. I want to become a better geography student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717305
d. I want to understand as much as I can about geography in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717306

35. How much does each of the following statements describe 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)	VH717260
b. I enjoy doing schoolwork about geography.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717265
c. I enjoy discussing geography topics with others.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717263
d. I think that geography schoolwork helps me understand what is happening in the world around me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717264
e. I think that learning about geography topics will be important for my future.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717262

36. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following activities **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)	VH717390
b. Read about geographic issues	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717391
c. Travel to places outside of your town	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717394
d. Talk to friends or family about geographic topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH717392

37. 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

38. 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