



U.S. History Student Questionnaire

**2022
Grade 8**

1. How easy or difficult was this test?

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

2. 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

3. 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.

4. 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

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. 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"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271105
b. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH336762
c. A desktop or laptop computer (including Chromebooks) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH591976
d. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271110
e. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	VH271112

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7. How often do you use the Internet for homework at home?

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

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8. 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

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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

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10. 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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11. 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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12. Does **your mother** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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13. Does **your father** work?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17. 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	Very much like me	
a. I finish whatever I begin.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH733142
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH733143
c. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH733145
d. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH733144

18. 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	Very much like me	
a. I like complex problems more than easy problems.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733150
b. I like activities that challenge my thinking abilities.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733151
c. I enjoy situations where I will have to think about something.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733155
d. I enjoy thinking about new solutions to problems.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH733154

19. 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.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271370
b. I paid attention and resisted distractions.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271372
c. I stayed on task without reminders from my teacher.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271374
d. I paid attention in class even when I was not interested.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271375

20. Are you taking an art course this school year (for example, drawing, painting, or studio art)?

- A Yes
- B No

21. In which of the following grades have you learned about United States history? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes, I took a class or course mainly focused on United States history.	Yes, I took a class or course that included some United States history topics.	No, I did not take a class or course that taught United States history topics.	I don't remember.	
a. 6th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH459700
b. 7th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH459701
c. 8th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH459702

22. In your social studies class this year, how much have you studied the following periods of United States history? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot	
a. The period before 1815 (for example, age of exploration, colonization, settlement, or American Revolution)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459720
b. 1815 to 1865 (for example, expansion, reform, sectionalism, or the Civil War)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459721
c. 1865 to 1945 (for example, Reconstruction, industrial growth, United States role in world events, immigration, the Great Depression, or the First and Second World Wars)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459722
d. 1945 to the present (for example, the Cold War, Civil Rights movement, women’s rights movement, Vietnam War, or environmental movement)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH459723

23. During this school year, how often do you do each of the following activities when you study United States history? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Examine the causes and effects of important events in United States history	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718592
b. Examine how time periods in United States history are similar or different	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718593
c. Judge whether information from a source (for example, text, visual graphics, video, or audio) is accurate	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718594
d. Analyze the relationship between two historical events	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718598
e. Compare and evaluate different points of view about the past (for example, different ideas about what caused the Civil War)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718596
f. Come up with research questions about why or how something happened in the past (for example, what were the causes of the Great Depression)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718597
g. Take and defend a position about a historical issue (for example, how changes in transportation have affected the United States economy)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718595

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

25. 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 form opinions about historical events only after I have information from more than one source.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719829
b. I need to know the history leading up to an event to truly understand it.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719830
c. I want to know what lies behind the story when I study a conflict in history.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719834
d. I try to understand others better by imagining how things look from their perspective.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719832
e. I try to look at everybody's side of a disagreement before I make a decision.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719833
f. I think that there is more than one side to every question, and I try to look at all of them.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH719831

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. Explain the causes and effects of important events in United States history	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460011
b. Explain how time periods in United States history are similar or different	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460016
c. Judge whether information from a source (for example, text, visual graphics, video, or audio) is accurate	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460017
d. Understand the relationship between two historical events	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460041
e. Compare and evaluate different points of view about the past (for example, different ideas about what caused the Civil War)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460042
f. Come up with research questions about why or how something happened in the past (for example, what were the causes of the Great Depression)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460043
g. Take and defend a position about a historical issue (for example, how changes in transportation have affected the United States economy)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH460044

27. 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 United States history in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH720608
b. I want to master a lot of new United States history skills in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH720609
c. I want to become a better United States history student this year.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH720611
d. I want to understand as much as I can about United States history in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH720612

28. 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. Read books about history	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718432
b. Watch movies, videos, or TV programs about history	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718433
c. Do online research related to historical topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718436
d. Talk to friends or family about historical topics	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH718435

29. 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

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30. During the last school year, did you ever attend school from home or somewhere else outside of school because of the COVID-19 outbreak?

- A Yes
- B No
- C I do not remember.

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31. During the last school year, did you attend this school or did you attend a different school?

- A This school
- B Different school

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32. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, did you have the following things available to you to complete your schoolwork or online classes? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes, available all the time	Yes, available some of the time	No, not available	I do not remember.	
a. Access to high-speed internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233416
b. A desktop computer, a laptop computer, or tablet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233417
c. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233418
d. A printer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233419
e. School supplies (for example, paper and pencil)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233420
f. A quiet place to work	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VR233421

33. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did you do the following things for school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	I do not remember.	
a. Use paper textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233422
b. Use online textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233423
c. Participate in real-time video lessons with your teacher (for example, on Google Meet or Zoom)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233425
d. Watch recorded lessons prepared by your teacher	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233426
e. Watch instructional videos from other sources	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR233427

34. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did the following things happen? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	I do not remember.	
a. My teacher was available to help me with United States history schoolwork (for example, through virtual office hours, phone, e-mail, chat).	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR324122
b. My teacher asked me to work online with my classmates in small groups to complete United States history assignments.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR324123
c. My teacher asked me to take United States history quizzes and tests online.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR324124

35. How difficult or easy was it for you to learn while attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school?

- Ⓐ A lot more difficult than learning at school
- Ⓑ Somewhat more difficult than learning at school
- Ⓒ Somewhat easier than learning at school
- Ⓓ A lot easier than learning at school

36. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, how often did someone help you with your schoolwork?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ About once or twice a month
- Ⓒ About once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
- Ⓔ I do not remember.

37. While attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school, did any of the following people help you with your schoolwork or online classes? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Mother, stepmother, foster mother or other female legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233460
b. Father, stepfather, foster father or other male legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233463
c. Brother or sister	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233466
d. Other person	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VR233467

38. Thinking about attending school from home or somewhere else outside of school for your United States history class, do you think you would be able to do each of the following things? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Recognize when you don't understand something you are learning	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR233457
b. Ask for help when you need it	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR233458
c. Find learning resources online to learn more about something you don't understand	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR233459