



**Civics**  
**Student Background Questionnaire**

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**2010**  
**Grade 4**

Topic	Question	% Yes
P	Do you know what COVID-19 is?	~85%
	Have you heard of COVID-19?	~95%
	Is it dangerous?	~90%
	Can it be spread through the air?	~80%
	Can it be spread through contact with surfaces?	~75%
	Can it be spread through direct contact with an infected person?	~70%
7	Should we wear masks?	~85%
	Should we avoid crowded places?	~80%
	Should we avoid public transport?	~75%
	Should we avoid going to work or school?	~70%
4	Should we wash our hands frequently?	~90%
	Should we avoid touching our face?	~85%
	Should we avoid sharing food or drinks?	~80%
	Should we avoid hugging or shaking hands?	~75%
2	Should we stay at home as much as possible?	~85%
	Should we avoid traveling?	~80%
	Should we avoid visiting family or friends?	~75%
	Should we avoid attending social gatherings?	~70%
1	Should we avoid going to the gym or sports center?	~85%
	Should we avoid going to the cinema or theater?	~80%
	Should we avoid going to restaurants or bars?	~75%
	Should we avoid going to shopping centers or supermarkets?	~70%

Ⓐ None

Ⓑ 1 to 5

Ⓒ 6 to 10

Ⓓ More than 10

You will be told when it is time to begin and end each section.

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# SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 12 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question except where instructed otherwise.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one** or more ovals.

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- Ⓐ 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.

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more** ovals.

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

# Section 3

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week?

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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

5. About how many books are there in your home?

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- Ⓐ 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. Is there a computer at home that you use?

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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.

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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?

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- Ⓐ 5 or fewer
- Ⓑ 6-10
- Ⓒ 11-15
- Ⓓ 16-20
- Ⓔ More than 20

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

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

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

VB331447

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

11. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

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- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time

12. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the boxes.

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## SECTION 4

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This section has 26 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. How often do you study social studies in school?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- ☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- ☐ Ⓓ Almost every day

2. During this school year, have you studied how the government works?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

3. During this school year, have you studied the rules and laws of government?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

4. During this school year, have you studied elections and voting?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

5. During this school year, have you studied the president and leaders of our country?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

6. During this school year, have you studied your community?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

7. During this school year, have you studied the rights and responsibilities of citizens?

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- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

8. During this school year, have you studied how people try to solve disagreements?

VE040254

- ☐ Ⓐ Yes
- ☐ Ⓑ No
- ☐ Ⓒ I don't know.

9. When you study social studies in school, how often do you read material from a textbook?

VE040257

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

12. When you study social studies in school, how often do you complete a worksheet?

VE040269

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

10. When you study social studies in school, how often do you memorize material for class?

VE040260

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

13. When you study social studies in school, how often do you write reports?

VE040273

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

11. When you study social studies in school, how often do you read extra materials not in your textbook, such as newspapers, magazines, maps, charts, or cartoons?

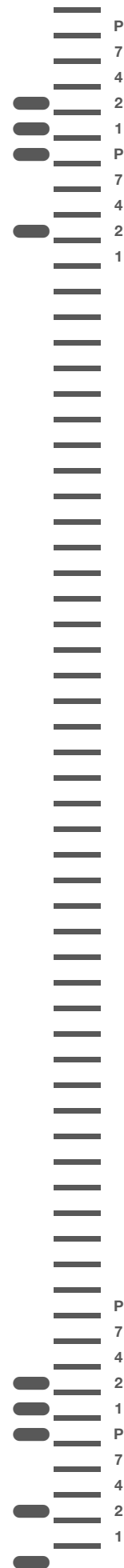
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- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

14. When you study social studies in school, how often do you discuss current events?

VE040279

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day



15. When you study social studies in school, how often do you watch television shows or videos in class?

VE040281

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

16. When you study social studies in school, how often do you discuss television shows or videos in class?

VE040284

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

17. This year in school, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions or assignments that involved social studies?

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- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once or twice this year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

18. How often do you use computers at school for social studies?

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

19. When you study social studies, do you do research projects about social studies topics using a CD or the Internet? Include things you do in class and things you do for homework assignments.

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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

20. When you study social studies in school, how often do you take part in debates?

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- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day



21. When you study social studies in school, how often do you take part in role-playing, mock trials, or dramas?

VE040295

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

22. When you study social studies in school, how often do you write a letter to give your opinion or help solve a community problem?

VE040299

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

23. When you study social studies in school, how often do you have visits from people in your community to learn about important events and ideas?

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- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ Once or twice a week
- Ⓔ Almost every day

24. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

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- Ⓐ Easier than other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

25. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?

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- Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as on other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests

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

VB595184

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

