



# **U.S. History Student Background Questionnaire**

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**2010  
Grade 4**

The image shows two vertical gel lanes. The left lane has five bands labeled P, 7, 4, 2, and 1 from top to bottom. The right lane has five bands labeled P, 7, 4, 2, and 1 from top to bottom, with additional bands at positions 4 and 1.

Ⓐ None

Ⓑ 1 to 5

Ⓒ 6 to 10

Ⓓ More than 10

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



The image shows two separate gel electrophoresis results. Each result has five lanes labeled P, 7, 4, 2, and 1 from top to bottom. In the first result, there are bands in lanes 4 and 7. In the second result, there are bands in lanes 1, 4, and 7.

# SECTION 1

## Section 1

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 1

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

## Section 4

This section has 20 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. Have you ever studied the history of the United States in school?

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☐ Ⓐ Yes  
☐ Ⓑ No

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

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

4. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you read extra material not in the regular textbook, such as biographies or historical stories?

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

5. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you make use of letters, diaries, or essays written by historical people?

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

6. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you discuss the material you have studied?

VE037635

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

7. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you write short answers (a paragraph or less) to questions?

VE037640

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

8. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you write a report?

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

9. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you work on a group project?

VE040102

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

10. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you give a presentation to the class on the topic being studied?

VE040105

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

11. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you watch movies or videos?

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

12. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you take a test or quiz?

VE040111

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

13. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you go on field trips or have outside speakers?

VE040115

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

14. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you use the books or computers in the library to do schoolwork?

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

15. This year in school, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions or assignments for history or social studies?

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

16. How often do you use computers at school for history or 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

17. When you study history or social studies, do you do research projects about history or 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



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

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

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19. 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?

- Ⓐ 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

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

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

