

Student Background Questionnaire

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Grade 4

SECTION 1

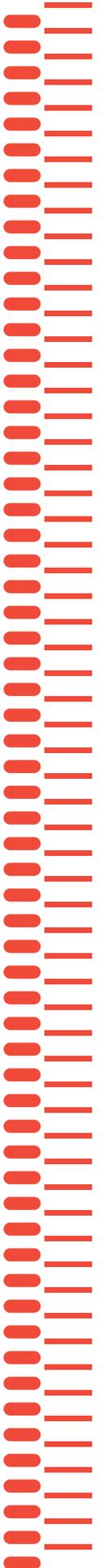
Section 1

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 17 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. Which best describes you? TB003001
- (A) White (not Hispanic)
 - (B) Black (not Hispanic)
 - (C) Hispanic (“Hispanic” means someone who is from a Mexicano, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish or Hispanic background.)
 - (D) Asian (“Asian” means someone who is from a Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, or other Asian background.)
 - (E) Pacific Islander (“Pacific Islander” means someone who is from a Filipino, Hawaiian, or other Pacific Island background.)
 - (F) American Indian or Alaskan Native (“American Indian or Alaskan Native” means someone who is from one of the American Indian tribes, or one of the original people of Alaska.)
 - (G) Other
2. If you are Hispanic, what is your Hispanic background? VB331329
- (A) I am not Hispanic.
 - (B) Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano
 - (C) Puerto Rican
 - (D) Cuban
 - (E) Other Spanish or Hispanic background
3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? VB331333
- (A) Yes
 - (B) No
 - (C) I don’t know.
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? VB331334
- (A) Yes
 - (B) No
 - (C) I don’t know.
5. About how many books are there in your home? VB331335
- (A) Few (0-10)
 - (B) Enough to fill one shelf (11-25)
 - (C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26-100)
 - (D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)
6. Is there a computer at home that you use? VB331336
- (A) Yes
 - (B) No

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7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. VB331337
- Ⓐ Yes
Ⓑ No
Ⓒ I don't know.
8. Is there a world atlas in your home? It could be a book of maps of the world, or it could be on the computer. VB331338
- Ⓐ Yes
Ⓑ No
Ⓒ I don't know.
9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family? VB331339
- Ⓐ Every day
Ⓑ Two or three times a week
Ⓒ About once a week
Ⓓ Once every few weeks
Ⓔ Never or hardly ever
10. On a school day, about how many hours do you usually watch TV or videotapes outside of school? VB331340
- Ⓐ None
Ⓑ 1 hour or less
Ⓒ 2 or 3 hours
Ⓓ 4 or 5 hours
Ⓔ 6 hours or more
11. Do your parents know the amount of time you spend watching TV on a school day? VB331441
- Ⓐ Usually they know.
Ⓑ Sometimes they know.
Ⓒ They hardly ever know.
Ⓓ I'm not sure whether they know.
12. Which statement best describes the rules that your parents have about the amount of TV you can watch on school days? VB331442
- Ⓐ My parents have strict rules about how much TV I can watch on school days.
Ⓑ My parents don't have strict TV rules, but they don't like me to watch too much TV on school days.
Ⓒ My parents don't pay much attention to how much TV I watch on school days.



13. Do your parents know whether you finish your homework each day?
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- Ⓐ Usually they know.
 - Ⓑ Sometimes they know.
 - Ⓒ They hardly ever know.
 - Ⓓ I'm not sure whether they know.
 - Ⓔ I never have homework.
14. Which statement best describes the rules that your parents have about getting your homework done?
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- Ⓐ My parents have strict rules about homework.
 - Ⓑ My parents don't have strict homework rules, but they expect me to get my homework done.
 - Ⓒ My parents don't pay too much attention to my homework.
 - Ⓓ I never have homework.
15. How often do you use a computer outside of school?
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- Ⓐ Every day
 - Ⓑ Two or three times a week
 - Ⓒ About once a week
 - Ⓓ Once every few weeks
 - Ⓔ Never or hardly ever
16. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?
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- Ⓐ None
 - Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
 - Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
 - Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
 - Ⓔ More than 10 days
17. 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



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This section is about computers and about things you do at school. The section has 25 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

Questions 1-7. The following questions are about things you do on a computer. Include things you do in school and things you do outside of school.

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1. Do you ever use a computer to play computer games?
5. Do you ever use a computer to look up information on a CD?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(A) Yes

(B) No

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2. Do you ever use a computer to write reports, letters, stories, or anything else?
6. Do you ever use a computer to look up information on the Internet?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(A) Yes

(B) No

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3. Do you ever use a computer to make pictures or drawings?
7. Do you ever use a computer to send e-mail or talk in chat groups?

(A) Yes

(B) No

(A) Yes

(B) No

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4. Do you ever use a computer to make tables, charts, or graphs?

(A) Yes

(B) No

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8. Who taught you the **most** about how to use a computer?

- Ⓐ I learned the most on my own.
- Ⓑ I learned the most from my friends.
- Ⓒ I learned the most from my teachers.
- Ⓓ I learned the most from my family.
- Ⓔ I don't really know how to use a computer.

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9. Compared with other students in my class, I am

- Ⓐ one of the best at using computers
- Ⓑ **above** average at using computers
- Ⓒ average at using computers
- Ⓓ **below** average at using computers
- Ⓔ I never use the computer.

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10. How often do you use a computer at school? Include use anywhere in the school and at any time of the day.

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

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11. Yesterday, how much time did you spend on a computer at school? If you were not at school yesterday, answer about the last day you were at school.

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ Half an hour or less
- Ⓒ About 1 hour
- Ⓓ About 2 hours
- Ⓔ More than 2 hours



Questions 12-14. Which of the following statements about using a computer are true for you?

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12. I like doing my schoolwork more when I use a computer.

- Ⓐ True
- Ⓑ False
- Ⓒ I never use a computer.

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13. I have more fun learning when I use a computer.

- Ⓐ True
- Ⓑ False
- Ⓒ I never use a computer.

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14. I get more done when I use a computer for schoolwork.

- Ⓐ True
- Ⓑ False
- Ⓒ I never use a computer.

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15. How often do you usually have social studies class in school?

- Ⓐ Every day
- Ⓑ 3-4 times a week
- Ⓒ 1-2 times a week
- Ⓓ Less than 1 time a week
- Ⓔ Never or hardly ever

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16. Have you ever studied the history of the United States in school?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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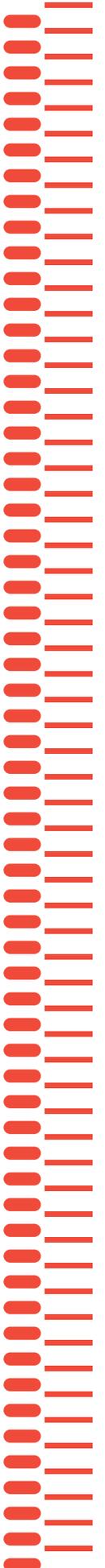
17. How much do you like studying geography?

- Ⓐ It is one of my favorite subjects.
- Ⓑ I like most other subjects better.
- Ⓒ I have never studied geography.

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

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



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Questions 19-25. The following questions are about things you do when you study social studies. Include things you do in class and things you do for homework assignments.

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19. Do you do research projects about social studies topics using a CD or the Internet?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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23. Do you use a computer to write reports or other things about social studies?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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20. Do you use computer programs in which you pretend to be an explorer, travel to new places, or do things like build cities?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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24. Do you put together words, pictures, and sounds on the computer to create projects about social studies?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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21. Do you create or use maps using computer programs?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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25. Do you use a computer to share ideas about social studies with other students by e-mail or the Internet?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

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22. Do you use a computer to put social studies information into tables, charts, or graphs?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

