



Student Background Questionnaire

2001
Grade 8

SECTION 1

Section 1

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 19 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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1. Which best describes you?

- ☐ (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

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2. If you are Hispanic, what is your Hispanic background?

- ☐ (A) I am not Hispanic.
- ☐ (B) Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano
- ☐ (C) Puerto Rican
- ☐ (D) Cuban
- ☐ (E) Other Spanish or Hispanic background

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

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

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4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

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

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

- ☐ (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)

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6. Is there a computer at home that you use?

- ☐ (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.

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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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.

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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

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

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10. On a school day, about how many hours do you usually watch TV or videotapes outside of school?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 hour or less
- Ⓒ 2 or 3 hours
- Ⓓ 4 or 5 hours
- Ⓔ 6 hours or more

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11. Do your parents know the amount of time you spend watching TV on a school day?

- Ⓐ Usually they know.
- Ⓑ Sometimes they know.
- Ⓒ They hardly ever know.
- Ⓓ I'm not sure whether they know.

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12. Which statement best describes the rules that your parents have about the amount of TV you can watch on school days?

- Ⓐ 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.

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13. Do your parents know whether you finish your homework each day?

- Ⓐ Usually they know.
- Ⓑ Sometimes they know.
- Ⓒ They hardly ever know.
- Ⓓ I'm not sure whether they know.
- Ⓔ I never have homework.

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14. Which statement best describes the rules that your parents have about getting your homework done?

- Ⓐ 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.

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15. How often do you use a computer outside of school?

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

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16. 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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17. 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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18. 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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19. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

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



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**Grade 8 Student
Computer and Geography Background Questionnaire**

SECTION 4

Section 4

This section is about computers and about things you do at school. The section has 11 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

Questions 1-6. For the next questions, please tell us about your use of computers.

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1. To what extent do you do the following on a computer? Include things you do in school and things you do outside of school. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Play computer games	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333273
b. Write using a word processing program	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333274
c. Make drawings or art projects on the computer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333275
d. Make tables, charts, or graphs on the computer	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333276
e. Look up information on a CD	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333277
f. Find information on the Internet for a school project or report	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333278
g. Find information on the Internet for personal use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333279
h. Use e-mail to communicate with others	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333280
i. Talk in chat groups or with other people who are logged on at the same time you are	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB333281

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

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

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

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

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4. Please indicate the extent to which you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

- | | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | I never use a computer | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|----------|
| a. I am more motivated to get started doing my schoolwork when I use a computer. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | VB333389 |
| b. I have more fun learning when I use a computer. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | VB333391 |
| c. I get more done when I use a computer for schoolwork. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | VB333393 |

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

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

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6. 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.

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

Questions 7-11. For the next questions, think about what you do when you study social studies. Social studies could also be history, geography, or world studies.

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7. How often do you use a computer 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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8. When you study social studies, to what extent do you use computers to do any of the following? For this question, include both work in class and homework assignments. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Do research projects about social studies topics using a CD or the Internet	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333399
b. Use computer programs in which you play the role of an explorer, geographer, anthropologist, or historian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333400
c. Create or use maps using computer programs	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333501
d. Put social studies information into tables, charts, or graphs on the computer	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333502
e. Write reports or other things about social studies on the computer	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333503
f. Combine words, images, and sounds to create multimedia reports or projects about social studies	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333504
g. Use e-mail or the Internet to communicate with others about social studies	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB333505

Section 4

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9. Did you take or do you expect to take a geography course in the following grades?
Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	I don't know	
a. 6th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB345593
b. 7th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB345594
c. 8th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB345595

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10. How much do you like studying geography?
- ☐ A It is one of my favorite subjects.
 - ☐ B I like most other subjects better.
 - ☐ C I have never studied geography.

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11. How often have you studied the following geography skills and topics in school? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or hardly ever	
a. Using maps and globes	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345598
b. Natural resources (for example, oil, forests, and water)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345599
c. Countries and cultures	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345600
d. Environmental issues (for example, pollution and recycling)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345601



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Computer and U.S. History Background Questionnaire**

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Section 4

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9. Did you take a United States history course in the following grades? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	I don't know	
a. 6th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB345603
b. 7th grade	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB345604

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10. Are you taking a United States history course now?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

