

***THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF
EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS***

Wave 1 Submittal for 2010

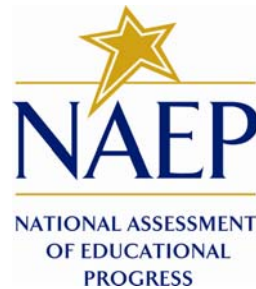
VOLUME II

Part 2e

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT

Student Grade 8 U.S. History Questions



Part 2e contains:

Student Grade 8 U.S. History Questions

The amount of time estimated to complete this form is 15 minutes.

Updated June 11, 2009

Student Questionnaire
U.S. History — Grade 8

Section 4

This section has 12 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question except where instructed otherwise.

LC000105

- 1.** Did you take a United States history course in the following grades? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8]

	Yes	No	I don't know.	
a. 5th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	NEW
b. 6th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	LC000106
c. 7th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	LC000107
d. 8th grade	(A)	(B)	(C)	NEW

WP000118

- 2.** Are you taking a United States history course now? [8/12]

- (A) Yes
(B) No

3. Since the beginning of middle school or junior high school, how much have you studied the following periods of United States history? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8/12]

	Not at all	Some	A lot	
a. The period before 1815: beginnings through the Revolution (e.g., colonization, settlement, revolution)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB598172
b. The period between 1815 and 1865: the new nation through the Civil War (e.g., expansion, reform, crisis of the Union)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB598173
c. The period between 1865 and 1945: the development of modern America (e.g., Reconstruction, industrial growth, United States role in world affairs, the Great Depression, the First and Second World Wars, immigration)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB598174
d. The period between 1945 and the present: contemporary America (e.g., civil rights movement, women's rights movement, Korean and Vietnam wars, environmental movement)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VB598175

4. When you study history or social studies in school, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8/12]

	Never	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day	
a. Read material from a textbook	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598096
b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (e.g., biographies or historical stories)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598097
c. Use letters, diaries, or essays written by historical people	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598098
d. Discuss the material studied	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598099
e. Write short answers (a paragraph or less) to questions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598100
f. Write a report	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598101
g. Work on a group project	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598162
h. Give a presentation to the class on the topic being studied	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	NEW
i. Watch movies or videos	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	NEW
j. Take a test or quiz	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598165
k. Go on field trips or have outside speakers	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VB598166
l. Use the books or computers in the library to do schoolwork	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	NEW
m. Listen to information presented online	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	NEW

VB598168

5. This year in school, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions or assignments for history or social studies? [4/8/12]

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

VB598169

6. How often do you use computers at school for history or social studies? [4/8]

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

VB598176

7. When you study history or social studies, to what extent do you use computers to do research projects about history or social studies topics using a CD or the Internet? Include both class work and homework assignments. [8]

- (A) Not at all
- (B) Small extent
- (C) Moderate extent
- (D) Large extent

8. When you study social studies or history, how often do you agree with the following statements? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. I have a clear understanding of what my social studies or history teacher is asking me to do.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC471046
b. The social studies or history work is easy.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC471047
c. The social studies or history work is difficult.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC471049
d. The social studies or history work is interesting.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC471051

9. How much do you agree that history or social studies is one of your favorite subjects? [8/12]

- (A) Not at all
- (B) A little
- (C) A lot

10. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school? [4/8/12]

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

11. 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? [4/8/12]

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

12. How important was it to you to do well on this test? [4/8/12]

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