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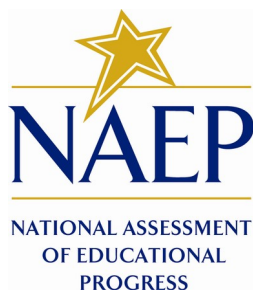
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# STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES

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## Student Questionnaire

### Science – Grade 8

#### Section 4

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. In your science class this year, which of the following topics have been covered? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC304978) [8]

	Yes	No	[Same at:]	
a. Life science (for example, biology, the human body, or ecology)	A	B	[8]	(VC304982)
b. Physical science (for example, energy, physics, or chemistry)	A	B	[8]	(VC304983)
c. Earth and space science (for example, geology or astronomy)	A	B	[8]	(VC304984)
d. Engineering and technology (for example, designing solutions to problems)	A	B	[8]	(VC304985)

2. In your science class this year, have you done hands-on activities or projects with any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC304986) [8/12]

	Yes	No	[Same at:]	
a. Living things (for example, plants, animals, bacteria)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC304988)
b. Electricity (for example, batteries and light)	A	B	[8/12]	(NEW)
c. Chemicals (for example, mixing or dissolving sugar or salt in water)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC304991)
d. Rocks or minerals (for example, identifying types)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC305007)
e. Magnifying glass or microscope (for looking at small things)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC305008)
f. Thermometer or barometer (for making measurements)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC305009)
g. Simple machines (for example, pulleys and levers)	A	B	[8/12]	(VC305012)

3. In your science class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC305292) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day or almost every day	[Same at:]	
a. Read a science textbook, in class or at home	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(NEW)
b. Read a book or magazine about science	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305295)
c. Read about science on the computer	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305307)
d. Watch a movie, video, or DVD about science	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305307)

4. In your science class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC305292) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day or almost every day	[Same at:]	
a. Discuss events in the news that are related to what you are learning in science class	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC304771)
b. Work with other students on a science project or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC304772)
c. Figure out different ways to solve a science problem	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305328)
d. Present what you learned about science to your class	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305329)
e. Take a science test or quiz	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305309)

5. In your science class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC305292) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day or almost every day	[Same at:]	
a. Identify questions that can be addressed through science experiments	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC304770)
b. Design a science experiment	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305318)
c. Talk about measurements you took for your science project or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305320)
d. Talk about the results of your science project or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305327)
e. Watch your teacher do a science experiment or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC305308)
f. Make graphs or charts of the results from your science project or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC304773)
g. Write a report on your science project or activity	A	B	C	D	E	[8/12]	(VC315265)

6. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write answers of more than one sentence to questions on tests or assignments for science? (VC315289) [4/8/12]

- 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 or almost every day

7. In this school year, how often have you talked with your teacher about how you are doing in science? (NEW) [4/8/12]
- 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 or almost every day
8. In this school year, how often have you used library resources for science? (VC315266) [4/8/12]
- 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 or almost every day
9. In this school year, how often have you used computers for science? (NEW) [4/8/12]
- 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 or almost every day



10. Please indicate how much you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements about science. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (VC305330) [8/12]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	[Same at:]	
a. I do science-related activities that are not for schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	[8/12]	(VC305348)
b. I like science.	A	B	C	D	[8/12]	(VC305350)
c. Science is one of my favorite subjects.	A	B	C	D	[8/12]	(VC305351)
d. I take science only because I have to.	A	B	C	D	[8/12]	(VC305352)
e. I take science only because it will help me in the future.	A	B	C	D	[8/12]	(VC305353)

11. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school? (VB595182) [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

12. 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? (VC034559) [4/8/12]

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

13. How important was it to you to do well on this test? (VB595184) [4/8/12]

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

# Student Questionnaire Pilot 2011

## English/Language Arts – Grade 8

### Section 4

This section has 7 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. In this school year, how often has your teacher done each of the following during English/Language Arts class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Asked you to talk about what you have read	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Asked you to do a group activity or project about what you have read	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Asked you to write something about what you have read	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Told you about special reading activities or book clubs that you could join	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. Told you about how you did on your reading assignments or school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

2. In this school year, how often have you used a word processing program to do these things for your English/Language Arts class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Outline what you have to do	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Organize your thoughts for papers or school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Write papers or do school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Check spelling or grammar	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. Insert pictures or shapes	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
f. Make a presentation	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
g. Summarize what you have read	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

3. In this school year, how often have you used Internet websites to do these things? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Learn new things that are not for schoolwork	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Find the information that you need for your English/Language Arts class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Prepare your homework assignments or school projects for your English/Language Arts class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Participate in online book clubs	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

4. In this school year, how often have you done these things to ask about assignments or school projects for your English/Language Arts class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Wrote e-mails to other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Sent text messages to other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Sent instant messages to other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Exchanged blogs with other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

5. In this school year, how often have you sent e-mails, text messages, or instant messages to other students in your English/Language Arts class to do these things? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Prepare for upcoming quizzes and tests	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Talk about websites that will help you with homework assignments or school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

6. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	
a. I read for pleasure in my spare time.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. I read because it will help me do well in school.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. I like what we do in English/Language Arts class.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. I have done a good job for English/Language Arts class.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

7. In this school year, how often have you done any of the following activities for your English/Language Arts class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	<b>A few times a year</b>	<b>Once or twice a month</b>	<b>Once or twice a week</b>	<b>Every day or almost every day</b>	
a. Borrowed reading materials from the public library	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Borrowed reading materials from the school library	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Bought books or magazines at bookstores	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Got books or magazines from others, such as siblings, friends, or relatives	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. Went to after-school programs related to English/Language Arts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

# Student Questionnaire Pilot 2011

## Mathematics – Grade 8

### Section 4

This section has 10 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. In this school year, have you done any of the following activities for your mathematics class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Yes	No	I don't know.	
a. Done online mathematics activities	A	B	C	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Taken mathematics tutoring or enrichment courses	A	B	C	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Participated in mathematics-related activities such as mathematics competitions	A	B	C	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Attended after-school programs related to mathematics	A	B	C	(NEW) [8/12]

2. In this school year, how often have you used each of the following items in your mathematics class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Mathematics textbooks	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. A school computer that you can use	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Your own calculator	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Mathematics-related computer programs	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

3. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	
a. Mathematics work is interesting.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. I study mathematics because it will help me do well in school.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. I like what we do in mathematics class	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. I have done a good job in mathematics class.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

4. In this school year, how often has your teacher done each of the following during mathematics class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	<b>A few times a year</b>	<b>Once or twice a month</b>	<b>Once or twice a week</b>	<b>Every day or almost every day</b>	
a. Asked you to talk about how you have solved a mathematics problem	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Provided clear explanations about mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Showed different ways to solve the same mathematics problem	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Told you about after-school mathematics programs that you could join	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. Given you graded assignments or tests	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
f. Encouraged your class to ask questions	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]



5. In this school year, how often have you used these different types of calculators for your mathematics class? Fill in one oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. A calculator to do arithmetic calculations	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. A calculator to check answers to mathematics problems	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. A graphing calculator to make charts, tables, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. A graphing calculator to analyze problems related to charts, tables, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. A graphing calculator to explore mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
f. A scientific calculator to solve problems	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
g. A scientific calculator to explore mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

6. In this school year, how often have you used a calculator to solve mathematics problems in each of the following? Fill in one oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. During mathematics lessons	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. During mathematics tests	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. At home for mathematics homework assignments or school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

7. In this school year, how often have you used Internet websites to do these things? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Find the information that you need for your mathematics class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Prepare your homework assignments or school projects for your mathematics class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Get help from mathematics experts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Learn new things about mathematics that are not for schoolwork	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

8. In this school year, how often have you done these things to ask about assignments or school projects for your mathematics class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Exchanged blogs with other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Communicated through instant messages with other students in your class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

9. In this school year, how often have you sent e-mails, text messages, or instant messages to other students in your mathematics class to do these things? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Prepare for upcoming tests	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Talk about websites that will help you with homework assignments or school projects	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

10. In this school year, how often have you used these different types of computer programs for your mathematics class? Fill in one oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. A word processing program to write papers for mathematics class	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. A spreadsheet program to analyze and solve problems	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Graphing software to make charts, tables, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Graphing software to explore mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
e. Geometric software to help visualize mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
f. Mathematics software to practice or drill on mathematics problems	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
g. Mathematics software to explore mathematics concepts	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
h. Mathematics software program that presents new mathematics lessons with problems to solve	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
i. Statistical software to analyze and solve problems	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
j. Simulation software to help explore real-world problems related to mathematics	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

**Student Questionnaire**  
**U.S. History – Grade 8**  
**Section 4**

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. In this school year, how often have you studied social studies? (NEW) [4/8/12]
- A Never or hardly ever
  - B A few times a year
  - C Once or twice a month
  - D Once or twice a week
  - E Every day or almost every day
2. In this school year, how often have you learned about the history of the United States? (NEW) [8/12]
- A Never or hardly ever
  - B A few times a year
  - C Once or twice a month
  - D Once or twice a week
  - E Every day or almost every day
3. In which of the following grades did you learn about the history of the United States? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]
- |              | Yes | No | I don't know. |                          |
|--------------|-----|----|---------------|--------------------------|
| a. 5th grade | A   | B  | C             | <small>(NEW)</small> [8] |
| b. 6th grade | A   | B  | C             | <small>(NEW)</small> [8] |
| c. 7th grade | A   | B  | C             | <small>(NEW)</small> [8] |

4. Since the beginning of 6th grade, how much have you learned about the following periods of United States history? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>A little</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>A lot</b>	
a. The period before 1815: beginnings through the Revolution (for example, pre-Columbian societies, European exploration, colonization, independence)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. The period between 1815 and 1865: the new nation through the Civil War (for example, expansion, reform, crisis of the Union)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. The period between 1865 and 1945: the development of modern America (for example, Reconstruction, industrial growth, United States' role in world affairs, the Great Depression, the First and Second World Wars)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. The period between 1945 and the present: contemporary America (for example, civil rights movement; women's rights movement; Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq Wars; environmental movement)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

5. In this school year, how often have you done each of the following activities for social studies or history? Fill in **one** oval on each line. <sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read material from a textbook	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (for example, encyclopedia, biographies, or historical stories)	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
c. Memorize material you have read	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
d. Work on a project	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
e. Write a report	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
f. Have a class discussion about the material studied	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
g. Take part in role-playing or dramas	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
h. Watch movies or videos	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
i. Take a test or quiz	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
j. Read primary sources like letters, diaries, or essays written by people who lived in earlier times	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
k. Go on field trips	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
l. Have outside speakers	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
m. Put information into tables, charts, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
n. Take a test or quiz	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

6. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments for social studies or history? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

7. How often do you use the Internet at school for social studies or history? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

8. Do you use a computer at home for your homework assignments or school projects for social studies or history? (NEW) [4/8/12]

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

9. Do you use the Internet at home to learn things about social studies or history? (NEW) [4/8/12]

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



10. On a typical day, how much time do you spend on a computer doing work for social studies or history class? Include work you do in class and for homework. (NEW) [4/8/12]

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

11. How often do you use e-mail, instant messages, or text messages to do any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Talk online about social studies or history	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Get help with social studies or history from your family	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

12. How often do you think the following ways in your social studies or history class?  
 Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [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	(NEW) [8/12]
b. The social studies or history work is too easy.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. The social studies or history work is difficult.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. The social studies or history work is interesting.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

13. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. Because social studies or history is fun, I wouldn't want to give it up.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. I like social studies or history.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Social studies or history is one of my favorite subjects.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

# Student Questionnaire

## Civics – Grade 8

### Section 4

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. In this school year, how often have you studied social studies? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

2. In this school year, how often have you learned about civics or government? (NEW) [8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

3. In which of the following grades did you learn about civics or government? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Yes	No	I don't know.	
a. 5th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]
b. 6th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]
c. 7th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]

4. Since the beginning of 6th grade, how much have you learned about the following topics? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Not at all	Very little	Some	A lot	
a. The United States Constitution	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Congress	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. The President and the cabinet	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. How laws are made	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
e. The court system	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
f. Political parties, elections, and voting	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
g. State and local government	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
h. Other countries' governments	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
i. International organizations (for example, the United Nations, the International Red Cross)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

5. IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU DONE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES OR CIVICS? FILL IN **ONE** OVAL ON EACH LINE. <sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read material from a textbook	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (for example, encyclopedia, newspapers, magazines, maps, Supreme Court decisions, or political cartoons)	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
c. Memorize material you have read	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
d. Work on a project	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
e. Write a report	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
f. Fill out worksheets	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
g. Have a class discussion about the material studied	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
h. Take part in debates or panel discussions	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
i. Take part in role-playing or dramas	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
j. Write a letter to give your opinion or help solve a community problem	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
k. Have visits from outside speakers to learn about important events and ideas	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
l. Put information into tables, charts, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

6. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments for social studies or civics? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

7. How often do you use the Internet at school for social studies or civics? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

8. Do you use a computer at home for your homework assignments or school projects for social studies or civics? (NEW) [4/8/12]

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

9. Do you use the Internet at home to learn things about social studies or civics? (NEW) [4/8/12]

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

10. On a typical day, how much time do you spend on a computer doing work for social studies or civics class? Include work you do in class and for homework. (NEW) [4/8/12]

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

11. How often do you use e-mail, instant messages, or text messages to do any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Talk online about social studies or civics	A	B	C	D	E	<small>(NEW)</small> [8/12]
b. Get help with social studies or civics from your family	A	B	C	D	E	<small>(NEW)</small> [8/12]

12. How often do you think the following ways in your social studies or civics class? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. I have a clear understanding of what my social studies or civics teacher is asking me to do.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. The social studies or civics work is too easy.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. The social studies or civics work is difficult.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. The social studies or civics work is interesting.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

13. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. Because social studies or civics is fun, I wouldn't want to give it up.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. I like social studies or civics.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Social studies or civics is one of my favorite subjects.	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]



**Student Questionnaire**  
**Geography – Grade 8**  
**Section 4**

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

1. In this school year, how often have you studied social studies? (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

2. In this school year, how often have you learned about geography? (NEW) [8/12]

- A Never or hardly ever
- B A few times a year
- C Once or twice a month
- D Once or twice a week
- E Every day or almost every day

3. In which of the following grades did you learn about geography? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Yes	No	I don't know.	
a. 5th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]
b. 6th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]
c. 7th grade	A	B	C	<small>(NEW)</small> [8]

4. Since the beginning of 6th grade, how much have you learned about the following skills and topics for geography? Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Very little</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>A lot</b>	
a. Using maps and globes	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
b. Natural resources (for example, oil, forests, or water)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
c. Countries and cultures	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]
d. Environmental issues (for example, pollution or recycling)	A	B	C	D	(NEW) [8/12]

5. In this school year, how often have you done each of the following activities for social studies or geography? Fill in **one** oval on each line. <sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read material from a textbook	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (for example, magazines, maps, atlases, or political cartoons)	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
c. Memorize material you have read	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
d. Work on a project	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
e. Write a report	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
f. Have a class discussion about the material studied	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
g. Watch movies or videos	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
h. Take a test or quiz	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
i. Play the role of an explorer, geographer, anthropologist, or historian	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
j. Create or use maps	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
k. Put information into tables, charts, or graphs	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]
l. Use Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	A	B	C	D	E	<sup>(NEW)</sup> [8/12]

6. In this school year, how often have you been asked to write answers of more than one sentence to questions on tests or assignments for social studies or geography? (NEW)  
[4/8/12]
- A Never or hardly ever
  - B A few times a year
  - C Once or twice a month
  - D Once or twice a week
  - E Every day or almost every day
7. How often do you use the Internet at school for social studies or geography? (NEW)  
[4/8/12]
- A Never or hardly ever
  - B A few times a year
  - C Once or twice a month
  - D Once or twice a week
  - E Every day or almost every day
8. Do you use a computer at home for your homework assignments or school projects for social studies or geography? (NEW) [4/8/12]
- A Yes
  - B No
  - C I don't know.
9. Do you use the Internet at home to learn things about social studies or geography?  
(NEW) [4/8/12]
- A Yes
  - B No
  - C I don't know.

10. On a typical day, how much time do you spend on a computer doing work for social studies or geography class? Include work you do in class and for homework. (NEW) [4/8/12]

- A None
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b. Get help with social studies or geography from your family	A	B	C	D	E	(NEW) [8/12]

12. How often do you think the following ways in your social studies or geography class?  
 Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

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13. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line. (NEW) [8/12]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. Because social studies or geography is fun, I wouldn't want to give it up.	A	B	C	D	<small>(NEW)</small> [8/12]
b. I like social studies or geography.	A	B	C	D	<small>(NEW)</small> [8/12]
c. Social studies or geography is one of my favorite subjects.	A	B	C	D	<small>(NEW)</small> [8/12]