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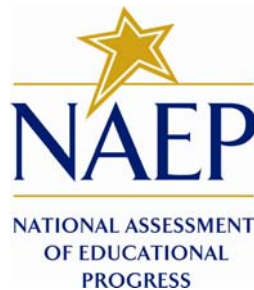
VOLUME II

Part 2c

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT

Student Grade 8 Civics Questions



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

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Student Questionnaire
Civics — Grade 8

SECTION 4

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

VC467353

- 1.** In which of the following grades did you learn about civics or government? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8]

| | Yes | No | I don't know. | |
|--------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| a. 5th grade | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | VC467355 |
| b. 6th grade | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | VC467356 |
| c. 7th grade | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | VC467357 |
| d. 8th grade | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | NEW |

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- 2.** How often do you study social studies in school? [4/8]

- (A) Never or hardly ever
- (B) Once or twice a month
- (C) Once or twice a week
- (D) Almost every day

3. During this school year, have you studied any of the following topics? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8/12]

| | Yes | No | I don't know. | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. The United States Constitution | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100217 |
| b. Congress | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100218 |
| c. The President and the cabinet | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100219 |
| d. How laws are made | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100220 |
| e. The court system | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100221 |
| f. Political parties, elections, and voting | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100222 |
| g. State and local government | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100223 |
| h. Other countries' governments | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100224 |
| i. International organizations (such as the United Nations) | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | ID100225 |

4. Indicate how often you do each of the following when you study social studies or civics or government in school. 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) | NEW |
| b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (e.g., newspapers, magazines, maps, charts, or cartoons) | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| c. Discuss the material studied | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| d. Write short answers (a paragraph or less) to questions | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| e. Write a report | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| f. Work on a group project | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| g. Give a presentation to the class on the topic being studied | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| h. Watch movies or videos | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| i. Take a test or quiz | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| j. Go on field trips or have outside speakers | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| k. Use the books or computers in the library to do schoolwork | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| l. Write a letter to give your opinion or help solve a community problem | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| m. Discuss current events | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| n. Take part in debates or panel discussions | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |
| o. Take part in role-playing, mock trials, or dramas | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | NEW |

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

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

6. How often do you use computers at school for 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

7. When you study social studies, to what extent do you use computers to do research projects about 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 civics or government, 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 civics or government teacher is asking me to do. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | VC681401 |
| b. The social studies or civics or government work is easy. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | VC681402 |
| c. The social studies or civics or government work is difficult. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | VC681403 |
| d. The social studies or civics or government work is interesting. | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | VC681404 |

NEW

9. How much do you agree that social studies or civics or government 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