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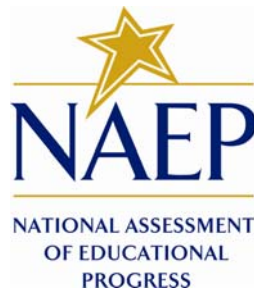
VOLUME II

Part 2a

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

FOR 2011 ASSESSMENT

Student Grade 8 Writing Questions



Part 2a contains:

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The amount of time estimated to complete this form is 10 minutes.

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRES

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SECTION 4

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This section has 16 questions. Select only **one** circle for each question except where instructed otherwise.

1. In a typical school day, about how much time do you spend on writing assignments of a paragraph or more during each of the following classes? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. Select **one** circle on each line.

VE087975

	I don't take this class.	0 minutes	Up to 15 minutes	Between 15 and 30 minutes	Between 30 and 60 minutes	More than 60 minutes	
a. English/language arts class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VE087986
b. Social studies class such as history, civics, government, or geography	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VE087989
c. Science class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VE087992
d. Mathematics class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VE087994

2. In a typical day, about how much time do you spend writing on your own and not for school—for example, writing stories or keeping a journal at home? The writing could be on paper or on a computer.

VE036761

- A 0 minutes
- B Up to 15 minutes
- C Between 15 and 30 minutes
- D Between 30 and 60 minutes
- E More than 60 minutes

3. How often do you write, in and out of school, for each of the following activities? Include only the writing that you do on paper. Select **one** circle on each line. VE088001

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Writing for school assignments (for example, reports, essays, or letters)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088004
b. Writing that is not part of your schoolwork	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088005

4. For school this year, how often do you write for each of the following purposes? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. Select **one** circle on each line. VE126298

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. To explain something that you know or have read	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE126301
b. To convince or persuade someone	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE126302
c. To convey a real or imagined experience	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE126304

5. For school this year, how often do you write for each of the following audiences? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. Select **one** circle on each line. VE088007

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. Family members	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088009
b. School officials	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088012
c. Other students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088013
d. Community organizations, government officials, or businesses	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE450490

6. For school this year, how often do you write each of the following? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. Select **one** circle on each line. VE088022

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. Informational essays	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE107515
b. Letters	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088029
c. Speeches	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088030
d. Personal essays	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088031
e. Stories	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088032
f. Poems	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088033
g. Journal entries	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088035
h. Book reviews	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE450485
i. Explanations of how you solved a mathematics or science problem	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE088037

7. Did you use the paper and pencil you were given to make notes, plan, or organize your writing for this test? Select **one** circle on each line. VE126329

- | | Yes | No | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| a. For the first writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | VE126345 |
| b. For the second writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | VE126346 |

8. Did you use the computer to make notes, plan, or organize your writing for this test? Select **one** circle on each line. VE126358

- | | Yes | No | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| a. For the first writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | VE126360 |
| b. For the second writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | VE126361 |

9. For school this year, how often do you use each of the following when you write a paper or report? Select **one** circle on each line. VE036314

- | | Never or
hardly
ever | Sometimes | Very
often | Always
or almost
always | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| a. Use the Internet to look for information to include in the paper or report | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | VE036318 |
| b. Use a computer from the beginning to write the paper or report (for example, use a computer to write the first draft) | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | VE036315 |
| c. Use a computer to make changes to the paper or report (for example, spell-check or cut and paste) | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | VE036316 |
| d. Use a computer to complete your writing | <input type="radio"/> (A) | <input type="radio"/> (B) | <input type="radio"/> (C) | <input type="radio"/> (D) | VE088274 |

10. How often do you use a computer, in and out of school, for each of the following activities? Select **one** circle on each line.

VE088349

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Writing for school assignments (for example, reports, essays, or letters)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE107503
b. Writing that is not part of your schoolwork	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE107504
c. Writing e-mails	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE107505
d. Writing using the Internet (for example, for blogs or personal web pages)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE107507

11. In a typical week, about how many pages do you write for English/language arts homework?

VE036713

- A None
- B Up to one page
- C One to three pages
- D Four to five pages
- E More than five pages

12. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statements about writing. Select **one** circle on each line.

VE035611

Strongly disagree **Disagree** **Agree** **Strongly agree**

a. Writing is one of my favorite activities.

 A B C D

VE035613

b. Writing allows me to express my ideas.

 A B C D

VE035628

13. If you had a choice, which of the following would you most prefer to write?

VE110951

- A Stories
- B Letters or e-mails
- C Plays
- D Poems
- E Song lyrics
- F Comic books

14. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

VE401773

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

VE401776

15. 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?

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

VE401779

16. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

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

