

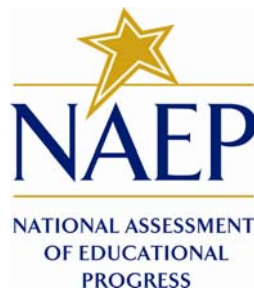
***THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF  
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**Part 2b**

***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS  
FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT***

**Student Grade 8 Writing Questions**



*Part 2b contains:*  
Student Grade 8 Writing Questions

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

*April 23, 2009*

**Student Questionnaire**  
**Writing — Grade 8**

**SECTION 4**

This section has 13 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. (New) [8/12]

	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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	NEW
b. Social studies class such as history, civics, government, or geography	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	NEW
c. Science class	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	NEW
d. Mathematics class	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	NEW

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- 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. [8/12]

- Ⓐ 0 minutes
- Ⓑ Up to 15 minutes
- Ⓒ Between 15 and 30 minutes
- Ⓓ Between 30 and 60 minutes
- Ⓔ 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. (New) [8/12]

	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)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
b. Writing that is not part of your schoolwork	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW

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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. [8/12]

	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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE035648
b. To convince or persuade someone	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE036272
c. To convey a real or imagined experience	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE036275

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. (New) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. Family members	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
b. School officials	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
c. Other students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
d. Community organizations	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
e. Government officials	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
f. Businesses	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
g. Other (please specify):	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
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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. (New) [8/12]

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	At least once a week	
a. Informational essays	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
b. Letters	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
c. Speeches	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
d. Personal essays	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
e. Stories	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
f. Poems	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
g. Journal entries	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
h. Job applications or résumés	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
i. Explanations of how you solved a mathematics or science problem	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW

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. [8/12]

- |   | Yes                     | No                      |          |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. For the first writing task on this test  | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VE051076 |
| b. For the second writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VE051077 |

8. Did you use the computer to make notes, plan, or organize your writing for this test? Select **one** circle on each line. [8/12]

- |   | Yes                     | No                      |          |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. For the first writing task on this test  | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VE051082 |
| b. For the second writing task on this test | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VE051083 |

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. [8/12]

	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	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE036318
b. Use a computer from the beginning to write the paper or report (for example, use a computer to write the first draft)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE036315
c. Use a computer to make changes to the paper or report (for example, spell-check or cut and paste)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VE036316
d. Use a computer to complete your writing	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW

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. (New) [8/12]

	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)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
b. Writing that is not part of your schoolwork	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
c. Writing e-mails	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
d. Writing using the Internet (for example, for blogs or personal web pages)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW
e. Sending text messages (using a computer)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	NEW

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11. In a typical week, about how many pages do you write for English/language arts homework? [8/12]

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ Up to one page
- Ⓒ One to three pages
- Ⓓ Four to five pages
- Ⓔ 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. [8/12]

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. Writing is one of my favorite activities.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE035613
b. Writing allows me to express my ideas.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VE035628

13. If you had a choice, which of the following would you most prefer to write? (New) [4/8/12]

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