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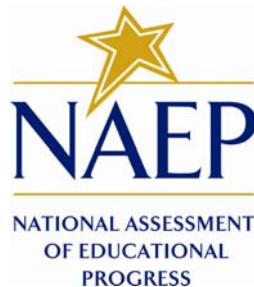
**VOLUME II**

**Part 2d**

***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS***

***FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT***

**Student Grade 8 Geography Questions**



*Part 2d contains:*

Student Grade 8 Geography Questions

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

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**Student Questionnaire  
Geography — 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.

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- 1.** Did you take or do you expect to take a geography course in the following grades? Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8]

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>I don't know.</b>	
a. 5th grade	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	NEW
b. 6th grade	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB345593
c. 7th grade	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB345594
d. 8th grade	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB345595

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- 2.** In this school year, how often have you learned about geography? [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

3. How often have you studied the following geography skills and topics in school?

Fill in **one** oval on each line. [8/12]

	<b>Almost every day</b>	<b>Once or twice a week</b>	<b>Once or twice a month</b>	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	
a. Using maps and globes	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345598
b. Natural resources (for example, oil, forests, and water)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345599
c. Countries and cultures	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345600
d. Environmental issues (for example, pollution and recycling)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VB345601

4. Indicate how often you do each of the following when you study social studies or geography 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)	VE117427
b. Read extra material not in the regular textbook (e.g., newspapers, magazines, maps, charts, or cartoons)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117428
c. Discuss the material studied	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117429
d. Write short answers (a paragraph or less) to questions	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117430
e. Write a report	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117431
f. Work on a group project	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117432
g. Give a presentation to the class on the topic being studied	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117433
h. Watch movies or videos	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117435
i. Take a test or quiz	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117437
j. Go on field trips or have outside speakers	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117438
k. Use the books or computers in the library to do schoolwork	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VE117439
l. Listen to information presented online	(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]

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

6. How often do you use a computer at school for social studies? [8]

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

7. When you study social studies, to what extent do you use computers to do any of the following? For this question, include both work in class and homework assignments. [8]

	<b>Not at all</b>	<b>Small extent</b>	<b>Moderate extent</b>	<b>Large extent</b>	
a. Do research projects about social studies topics using a CD or the Internet	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333399
b. Use computer programs in which you play the role of an explorer, geographer, anthropologist, or historian	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333400
c. Create or use maps using geographic information systems (GIS)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333501
d. Organize social studies information by making tables, charts, or graphs on the computer	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333502
e. Write reports or other things about social studies on the computer	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333503
f. Combine words, images, and sounds to create multimedia reports or projects about social studies	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333504
g. Use email or the internet to communicate with others about social studies	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB333505

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

	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Always or almost always</b>	
a. I have a clear understanding of what my social studies or geography teacher is asking me to do.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	VC629462
b. The social studies or geography work is easy.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	VC629463
c. The social studies or geography work is difficult.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	VC629465
d. The social studies or geography work is interesting.	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	VC629473

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

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little
- Ⓒ A lot

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

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

- Ⓐ 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

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

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