

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____ Hour _____

Reading Survey

Please take your time to answer all questions as honestly as you can. Unless otherwise indicated, feel free to mark as many answers as you like in response to any question.

1. As a reader, on a scale of 1-10 I would rate myself a _____. Why?

2. Circle the following response that best describes you as a reader.
 - a. I will do what I need to in order to read anything. With enough effort I can understand anything I am asked to read. I am confident in my abilities as a reader.
 - b. I try but eventually give up if it is too hard. I understand most of what I read but not as well as I would like to. I am somewhat confident in my abilities as a reader but recognize there are certain texts I just don't know how to read yet.
 - c. Reading is hard for me. I rarely feel like I understand what the writer is saying. This is why I give up easily. Even when I feel like I understand it I don't trust myself and assume I am probably wrong.

3. I read the following: (f = frequently, o = occasionally, and n = never)

a. Newspapers	f	o	n
b. Magazines	f	o	n
c. Fact Books	f	o	n
d. Novels	f	o	n
e. Fantasy	f	o	n
f. Action/Adventure	f	o	n
g. Mysteries	f	o	n
h. Science fiction	f	o	n
i. Romance	f	o	n
j. Humor	f	o	n
k. Historical Fiction	f	o	n
l. Historical Non fiction	f	o	n
m. Auto/biographies/Memoirs	f	o	n
n. Comics/Graphic Novels	f	o	n
o. Manuals	f	o	n
p. Self-help books	f	o	n

q. Inspirational books	f	o	n
r. Poems/Song Lyrics	f	o	n
s. Essays	f	o	n
t. Plays	f	o	n
u. Textbooks/assignments	f	o	n
v. Work-related documents	f	o	n
w. Maps	f	o	n
x. Email/instant messages	f	o	n
y. Chatrooms/Blogs	f	o	n
z. Web Sites	f	o	n

3. Using the list above, circle the types of reading you enjoy the most.

4. Are there any particular topics you enjoy reading about, and if so, what are they?

5. Explain how you choose your reading material.

6. Check all of the following that apply. I read when

I'm bored.

I need to escape.

I am sad.

I want to learn about something.

My friends are reading the same book.

I feel alone and need company.

I want to think about something

I do not ever choose to read.

I read all the time, for a million different reasons; I have to read.

7. What is your favorite book of all time and why?

8. Circle the following statements with which you most agree:

a. I like it when a book challenges my beliefs, ideas, or assumptions.

b. I prefer to read books that do not make me think about unfamiliar things.

c. I like to read in order to do things, which makes reading seem useful and valuable to me.

9. Referring to the list in question #3, which type(s) of reading are most difficult for you? (Pick one and explain).

10. What was the last book you read and when was that?

11. I expect the reading I do for school to be:

- a. Boring
- b. Interesting
- c. Difficult
- d. Useful

12. Which of your current classes will require you to read the most?

13. Which of your current classes will the reading be most difficult for you?

14. When I am reading something and I get stuck, I try the following strategies: (circle all that apply.)

- a. Skip the difficult part.
- b. Skip the difficult part and come back to it later.
- c. Reread it.
- d. Read it aloud.
- e. Try to put it into my own words to help me understand it.
- f. Look at other information on the pages (pictures, words in bold or italic, captions).
- g. Explain it to someone else.
- h. Ask others (friends, parents, or teachers) for help.
- i. Try to draw it (or somehow see it-time line, cluster, decision tree).
- j. Ask someone else to read it aloud so I can hear it.

15. Choose all of the following that describe what you do when you read your school assignments:

- a. Eat and drink while I read.
- b. Listen to music or have the T.V. on while I read.

- c. Read at my desk with the computer on, which is connected to the Internet or a computer game.
- d. Lie on my bed and read.
- e. Sit in a comfortable chair while I read.
- f. Read in a room where the rest of my family is assembled while I read.
- g. Reread the directions for the assignment prior to doing the required reading.
- h. Have my cell phone on and in my study environment when I read.
- i. Before I begin reading, make sure I have the necessary tools handy: paper, dictionary, other support.

16. Which of the following consistently interferes with your ability to read as well as you would like?

- a. Distractions
- b. Lack of time
- c. Lack of knowledge
- d. Lack of interest
- e. None of the above

17. Reading is something you either can or cannot do well:

Agree Disagree (circle one).

18. Circle the statement that most matches your own belief:

- a. Reading is not important. By the sixth grade you know everything you need to know about reading.
- b. Reading is crucial to your success in the adult world.
- c. Reading is more important now than ever before.
- d. Reading is less important than it used to be.

19. Check any of the following that will improve your reading comprehension.

- Reading aloud to yourself
- Having someone else read it aloud to you
- Talking about what you read with others
- Taking notes on what you read
- Responding to the reading through drawing or illustrating
- Reading silently to yourself during class time
- Discussing the reading with others

20. What are your reading goals for this school year?