



Reading Survey

WHAT, WHY, HOW, AND WHEN DO YOU READ?

Directions: Write all responses to the following questions directly on this packet. The more honest your answers, the better I can teach you. I will use the information from this survey to determine how and what I am going to teach you this year. So, please take this seriously. Unless otherwise noted, feel free to mark as many as you like in response to any question.

1. I read the following; (F=frequently; O=occasionally, and N=never)

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| _____ newspapers | (| F | O | N |) | _____ history | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ magazines | (| F | O | N |) | _____ auto/biographies | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ novels | (| F | O | N |) | _____ comics | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ web sites | (| F | O | N |) | _____ manuals | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ reference books | (| F | O | N |) | _____ self-help | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ inspirational books | (| F | O | N |) | _____ e-mail/IMs | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ poems/lyrics | (| F | O | N |) | _____ chatrooms | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ essays | (| F | O | N |) | _____ texts/homework | (| F | O | N |) |
| _____ plays | (| F | O | N |) | | | | | | |

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

3. List the types of reading you enjoy most (using the list from question #1).

4. Which types of reading listed in #1 are the most difficult for you?

5. I would describe myself as a _____ reader. Explain.

6. My favorite book of all time is _____. Explain.

7. The best reader I know is _____. Explain.

8. Reading is something you either can or cannot do well: Agree Disagree (Circle One)

9. Check any of the following that help you understand what you read better:

_____ Reading it aloud to yourself

_____ Drawing/doing art in response to what you read

_____ Having someone else read it aloud to you

_____ Reading silently to yourself during class time

_____ Talking about what you read with others

_____ Talking in groups about what you read

_____ Taking Notes

_____ Talking as a class about what you read

10. Which class asks you to read the most? _____

11. Which class has the most difficult reading? _____

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

13. Check the following response that best describes you as a reader:

_____ 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.

_____ 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 do not know how to read yet.

_____ 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 do not trust myself and assume I am probably wrong.

14. Describe your biggest achievement as a reader.

15. How do you choose what you read? Explain.

16. I read when: (Check all that apply.)

_____ I am bored.

_____ I do not ever choose to read.

_____ I need to escape.

_____ I am sad.

_____ My friends are reading the same book.

_____ I want to learn about something.

_____ I feel alone and need company.

_____ I read all the time for a million reasons.

_____ I want to think about something.

17. Check the statement that most matches your own belief:

_____ Reading is not important. By the sixth grade, you know everything you need to know about reading.

_____ Reading is crucial to your success in the adult world.

_____ Reading is more important now than ever before.

_____ Reading is less important than it used to be.

18. Mark those with which you most agree:

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

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

_____ I like to read in order to do things; this makes reading seem useful and valuable to me.

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

_____ Boring

_____ Difficult

_____ Interesting

_____ Useful

20. If I could improve up to three things about myself as a reader, I would choose:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

21. Circle the one (of the three listed in #20) most important goal you have as a reader.

