Student Reading Survey

Name ______________________________  Teacher Name ______________________
Class _______________________________ Grade ______        Date _______________

1. From what you can remember, learning how to read was
  □ very easy for you  □ easy for you  □ hard for you  □ very hard for you

2. What do you usually do when you read? (Check ALL the ones that describe what you do.)

  □ I read silently  □ I try to figure out the meaning of words I don’t know
  □ I read aloud to myself in a quiet voice  □ I look up words I don’t know in the dictionary
  □ I try to pronounce all the words correctly  □ I get distracted a lot while I’m reading
  □ I try to read with expression  □ I have trouble remembering what I read
  □ I try to get the reading over with as fast as I can  □ I try to understand what I read
  □ I try to read smoothly  □ I try to concentrate on the reading
  □ I try to get the reading over with as fast as I can
  □ I think about things I know that connect to the reading

3. Who reads a lot in your home? _____________________________________________

   What do they read? ________________________________________________________

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4. Why do you think people read? ____________________________________________
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5. What do you think someone has to do to be a good reader? (Check ONLY the 3 most important ones.)

☐ read aloud well  ☐ enjoy reading  ☐ understand what they read
☐ read with expression  ☐ read a lot  ☐ concentrate on the reading
☐ pronounce all the words correctly  ☐ read harder books  ☐ know when they are having trouble understanding
☐ know the meaning of most of the words  ☐ read different kinds of books  ☐ use strategies to improve their understanding
☐ read fast  ☐ other: _________________________________________________________

6. Do you think you are a good reader?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  ☐ It depends

Explain why. _______________________________________________________________
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7. Do you think you will read once you graduate from high school?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If so, what kinds of things do you think you'll read? ____________________________
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8. Do you read in a language other than English?

If yes, which language(s)? ____________________________________________

In which language do you read best? ____________________________________

9. What kinds of things do you read OUTSIDE of school? (Check ALL the things you read.)

- newspapers
- short stories
- novels
- video game books or magazines
- letters or e-mail
- magazines
- comic books
- song lyrics
- religious books
- other (explain) _______________________
- web pages
- computer manuals
- how-to books
- short stories
- poetry
- romance
- science/nature
- (auto)biography
- humor
- mystery
- none

10. How often do you read something that is NOT a school assignment?

- every day
- frequently
- sometimes
- not often
- never

11. How often do you read at home FOR school assignments?

- every day
- frequently
- sometimes
- not often
- never

12. During the past 12 months, how many books have you read? _____________________

How many of these were NOT for school? ____________________________________

13. What kinds of books do you like to read? (Check ALL the ones you like to read)

- science fiction
- thrillers
- picture books
- how to books
- history
- other
- adventure/action
- true life drama
- comic books
- sports
- horror
- poetry
- romance
- science/nature
- teen issues
- mysteries
- short stories
- fantasy/myth
- (auto)biography
- none

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14. Who are your favorite authors? (List as many as you’d like.) __________________________________________
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15. How do you choose a book to read? (Check ALL the ones that describe what you do.)

☐ look for an interesting title  ☐ see how long the book is  ☐ ask a teacher or librarian
☐ look at the pictures on the cover or in the book  ☐ pick a book that looks easy  ☐ ask a family member
☐ look to see if it has gotten an award  ☐ look for a particular author  ☐ ask a friend or classmate
☐ read the book cover or jacket  ☐ look for books on a particular topic  ☐ look in special displays at the library or book store
☐ read a few pages  ☐ look for books I’ve heard about  ☐ pick the Oprah Book Club selection
☐ look for particular kinds of books (dramas, horror, etc.)  ☐ look for books that have been made into movies  ☐ look for books about my culture
☐ I have no method of choosing a book  ☐ other (describe) __________________________________________

16. Do you ever talk with a friend about something you have read?

☐ frequently  ☐ sometimes  ☐ never

17. Do you ever talk with a family member about something you have read?

☐ frequently  ☐ sometimes  ☐ never

18. Do you borrow from or trade books with friends or family members?

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19. In general, how do you feel about reading?

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Thank you for completing this survey.
I will use your answers to help guide my teaching.