

## Reader Identity Sample Survey Questions

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Use the model below to create your own survey to help you discover your students' interests and inform your collection development.

### Interests and Reading Survey Questions

*Explain your rationale/why you want readers to complete this survey.*

Example: We would love to get to know you better! Please answer the following questions about your preferences, interests, and reading habits as honestly as you can.



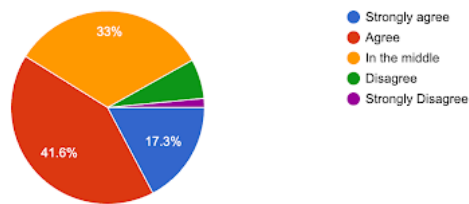
*Starred questions are required.*

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1. What is your favorite subject in school? \*
2. What responsibilities do you have outside of school? \* Check all that apply.
  1. Sports
  2. Music
  3. Family (for example: babysitting siblings, helping grandparents, chores, etc)
  4. Tutoring
  5. Community activities (for example: volunteering, active in religious groups, etc)
  6. Other activities
3. What are your talents? Sports? Music? Drawing? Making friends? Reading? Solving problems? Studying? Tell me about it! \*
4. Tell me about your "favorites." Favorite song? Favorite food? Favorite movie? Favorite book? Favorite author? Favorite sports team? Any other favorites?
5. Let's talk books! How many books are there in your home? Mark only one oval.
  1. 0-10
  2. More than 10
  3. More than 25
  4. More than 50
  5. More than 100
6. What does someone have to do to be a good reader? Check only the THREE most important choices. Check all that apply.
  1. read aloud well
  2. understand what they read
  3. read a lot
  4. pronounce words correctly
  5. know when they are having trouble understanding read different kinds of books
  6. read fast
  7. enjoy reading
  8. read with expression

9. concentrate on the reading
  10. read harder books
  11. know the meaning of most words
  12. use strategies to improve their understanding
  13. ask for help when they need it
7. Do you think you are a good reader? Mark only one oval.
1. Strongly agree
  2. Agree
  3. Neutral (In the middle)
  4. Disagree
  5. Strongly Disagree

7. Do you think you are a good reader?  
197 responses



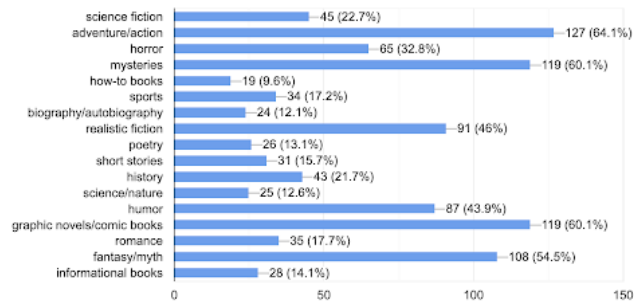
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8. Explain your answer to #7.
9. What do you usually do when you read? Check all of the boxes that describe what you do. Check all that apply.
1. I read silently.
  2. I look over what I am going to read first to get an idea of what it's about. I try to pronounce all the words correctly.
  3. I get distracted a lot when I read.
  4. I have trouble remembering what I read.
  5. I try to get my reading over with as fast as possible.
  6. I read a section again if I don't understand it at first.
  7. I try to concentrate on what I am reading.
  8. I try to figure out the meaning of words I don't know.
  9. I read aloud to myself in a quiet voice.
  10. I look up words I don't know in the dictionary.
  11. I picture what is happening as I read.
  12. I try to read with expression.
  13. I put what I am reading into my own words.
  14. I think about things I know that connect to the reading.
10. How often do you read for fun? Mark only one oval.
1. Every day
  2. Frequently
  3. Once in awhile, not often
  4. Never
11. When you have to read for school assignments or for fun, how long do you read for? Mark only one oval.
1. 1-10 minutes
  2. 11-30 minutes
  3. 31-60 minutes
  4. More than an hour
12. What kinds of books do you like to read? Check all of the genres you like to read.

1. science fiction adventure/action
2. horror
3. mysteries
4. how-to books
5. sports
6. biography/autobiography
7. realistic fiction
8. poetry
9. short stories
10. history
11. science/nature
12. humor
13. graphic novels/comic books
14. romance
15. fantasy/myth
16. informational books

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13. Considering the texts that were ASSIGNED to you IN SCHOOL last year, how often did you find the texts MEANINGFUL to you?

1. Always
2. Frequently
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. Never

14. How do you feel about writing, either creatively or for school? Tell me about your opinion.

15. What are some comments or concerns you have about this class this year?

16. What do you hope to achieve in this class?

17. Do you have an active public library card?

1. Yes
2. No

18. Would you be interested in being a Bristow Book Ambassador? Activities could include creating book posters, book reviews, help with the book fair when we have one, and promote a love of reading.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Maybe—I need more information.

19. Do you plan to participate in Kids Lit Quiz Club if it is offered as a club?

1. Yes

2. No
  3. Maybe
  4. I do not know what that is but I am interested in learning more.
20. Is there a book (or books) you are hoping to read next? If so, what are they? We would love to have a book or two ready to deliver to your advisory the first week of school! List the titles in the box below. \*If you would like to search the library catalog, go to [whps.follettdestiny.com](https://whps.follettdestiny.com) (Here is a how-to video: [http://youtube.com/watch?v=dfOD0cRF\\_40](http://youtube.com/watch?v=dfOD0cRF_40)). OPTIONAL
21. Comments and/or additional questions.

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