

The Reading Maturity Survey

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Name/ID: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Please rate/characterize yourself as a reader on each item. Use the five point scale where one (1) is the lowest and five (5) is the highest.

Section 1

1. I enjoy reading.

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2. I have a high interest in reading.

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3. I feel that reading can be exciting.

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4. Reading can be stimulating.

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5. Reading is an important part of my life.

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6. I read frequently.

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7. I have a wide variety (or breadth) of reading interests .

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8. I like to read about many different things.

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9. I read extensively on certain topics (or with depth).

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10. I enjoy reading to learn a lot about something that interests me.

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Section 2

1. I feel that I read for valuable reasons.

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2. One of the reasons that I read is for pleasure.

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3. One of the reasons I read is to learn more about things that interest me.

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4. One of the reasons I read is to gain new knowledge.

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5. One of the reasons I read is to improve my understanding of life.

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6. One of the reasons I read is to understand others better.

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7. One of the reasons I read is to understand myself better.

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8. I try to actively engage myself with what I am reading.

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9. I read with purpose.

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10. I read flexibly.

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Section 3

1. I can read proficiently.

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2. I understand most of what I read.

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1 2 3 4 5

3. When I read, I feel like I get a good grasp of the literal meaning being presented.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

4. I am comfortable with my reading ability.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

5. I feel like I have the ability to see implied meanings in what I read.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

6. I don't mind reading out loud.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

7. I feel like I can "read the lines" efficiently.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

8. I feel like I can "read between the lines" efficiently.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

9. I can read fluently.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

10. My school grades and test scores would indicate that I have good reading comprehension abilities.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

Section 4

1. While I read something, I often think of other things that I already know about the topic.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

2. Reading prompts me with new ideas and insights.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

3. I often make generalizations and personal conclusions about what I have read.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

4. Reading helps me make decisions about things.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

5. When I read, I combine ideas I already have with ideas that I read to form new personal understandings.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

6. I read with an inquiring attitude.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

7. I ask myself questions while I am reading.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

8. When I evaluate the main idea of what I am reading, I look for supporting points.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

9. When I am reading, I often recognize ideas that may have personal or societal value.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

10. I construct new ideas from what I read.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

Section 5

1. I read intellectually challenging material.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

2. I enjoy reading material that goes beyond "easy-reading."

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

3. I like to read things that make me think.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

4. There are rich ideas in the materials that I read.

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5. I enjoy reading about things that stimulate my mind.

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6. I often read materials that are at relatively difficult reading levels.

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7. I enjoy reading materials that help me better understand other people.

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8. I often read things that broaden my understanding of the world.

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9. I am intellectually enriched by most of what I read.

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10. I enjoy reading materials that teach me things I did not know before.

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Section 6

1. Reading often helps me change my perspective about things.

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2. Reading often makes me want to make personal changes in my life.

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3. When I learn something valuable from credible reading sources, I usually apply it to the actions my life.

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4. Reading can transform my actions.

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5. Reading can transform my thinking.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

6. Reading can transform my values.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

7. I can recall instances in which I have been personally transformed from things I have read.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

8. Reading makes me carefully consider changes I should make in my life.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

9. Reading often causes me to be personally reflective.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

10. Some of my character is shaped by what I read.

not like me somewhat like me a lot like me
1 2 3 4 5

**Reading Maturity Survey
Tabulation Sheet**

Name/ID: _____

Tabulations

Section 1: Interest in Reading

Sum Score: _____

Section 2: Purposes for Reading

Sum Score: _____

Section 3: The Recognition and Reconstruction of Meaning

Sum Score: _____

Section 4: Reaction To and Use of Ideas to Apprehend (Higher-Order Literacy)

Sum Score: _____

Section 5: Kinds of Materials Read

Sum Score: _____

Section 6: Personal Adjustment to Reading/Transformational Reading

Sum Score: _____

Total of Sum Scores: _____/60 =

TOTAL READING MATURITY SCORE _____

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