

Grades 6-12

Reader interest inventory

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The beginning of the year is a great time to administer Interest Inventories with your readers. These will help you see into their lives and support them in determining what they might like to read. Once you know your students' interests, you've got a better chance of matching them up with texts they might like.

Taking time to do Interest Inventories is an investment that will pay dividends later, especially for the struggling readers who often believe there isn't anything they would enjoy reading. With the right topic choice based on interest, you might hook every kid onto reading this year!

*Do everything in your power to get kids
to read—anything and everything.*

~ (Best Practices, 4th edition, p 106)

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Your favorites list

Name: _____

Favorite movie of all time is:

Favorite band or type of music:

Mark **5** you love:

Favorite TV show:

- Animals
- Sports
- Nature
- Dancing
- Art/Drawing
- Writing
- Singing
- Acting/Theatre
- Bike riding
- Computers
- Cooking/Food
- Board games
- Video games
- Photography
- Science
- Mechanics
- Construction
- Church
- Watching TV/movies
- Travel
- School
- Swimming
- Music
- Other: _____

List **3** things you like to do when you're not in school:

1

2

3

Favorite video games include:

Your favorites list

5 important people in your life:

| | |
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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

important things in your life:

Circle your favorite activities:

- Basketball
- Football
- Soccer
- Fishing
- Baseball
- Softball
- Skiing
- Motor racing
- Hockey
- Skateboarding
- Bicycling
- Wrestling
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Dancing
- Swimming
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics
- Ice skating
- Golf
- Hunting
- Musical instruments
- Others: _____

Who are your **heroes** (real or fantasy)?

Circle a number for each type of reading:

| | 1 <i>Hate it!</i> | 2 <i>Not my fave.</i> | 3 <i>It's OK</i> | 4 <i>Like it.</i> | 5 <i>Love it!</i> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mystery/Suspense | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Horror/Thriller | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Current Events | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Sports News | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fantasy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Action/Adventure | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| How-to books | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Biography | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Poetry | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Science fiction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Historical fiction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Realistic fiction | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Nonfiction/Informational | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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