

Interest Inventory

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What is your favorite activity or subject in school? Why? Your least favorite? Why?

2. What are your “best” subjects? What makes them the easiest for you?

3. What subjects are difficult for you? What makes them the hardest?

4. What subject makes you think and work the hardest? Why is it the most challenging?

5. Rate the following topics according to your interests.

(1 = very interested, 2 = somewhat interested, 3 = not interested)

___ Dance	___ Music
___ Drama	___ Sports
___ Writing	___ Math
___ Computers	___ Science
___ Social Studies	___ Business
___ World Languages	___ Politics/Law

6. What are your favorite games or sports?

7. If you could learn about anything you wanted to, what would you choose to learn about? Be specific.

(For example: science-fiction writing, meteorology, architecture, Shakespeare, Africa.)

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8. What are three things you like to *do* when you have free time (besides seeing friends)?

9. What clubs, groups, teams, or organizations do you belong to? Include both school activities and those not sponsored by the school.

10. What things have you collected in the past? What, if anything, are you currently collecting?

11. Have you ever taught yourself to do something without the help of another person?
If so, what?

12. If you were going to start a book club, what kinds of books would your club read?

13. If people were to come to you for information about something you know a lot about, what would the topic be?

14. If you could plan a field trip for learning, where would you go? Why would you choose that place?

15. When you're using the computer, are you usually playing games, doing homework, doing research, visiting Web sites, visiting chat rooms, shopping, exchanging email, programming, or some other activity?

16. If you could interview an expert on any subject, what subject would you like to talk to someone about?

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17. If you could interview one significant person from the present and one from the past, who would you interview? Why would you choose these two people?

18. What careers are you currently interested in?

19. In school, I *prefer* to work:

- alone with one other person in a small group in a larger group

20. In school, I *learn* best:

- alone with one other person in a small group in a larger group

21. What helps you learn? (For example, a hands-on activity, reading, taking notes, or reading out loud.)

22. What makes learning more difficult for you? (For example, lectures, lots of writing.)

23. Think of a great teacher you've had. Describe what made this teacher so terrific.

24. What past school assignment or project are you proudest of? Why?

25. What project done outside of school are you proudest of? Why?

26. What else would you like me to know about you as a learner?

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