Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reading Interest Survey

Mr. Maxwell - 8th Grade Language Arts

Part One: Getting Know You!

1. What is your favorite subject in school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your favorite hobby? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What obligations do you have outside of school?

Sports/Activities? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Family? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church/Community? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work/Chores? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What are your talents? Sports? Musical Instruments? Reading? Skills? Others? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What possible career or occupation would interest you after completing your education? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your favorite type (comedy, drama, horror, etc.) of movies? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part Two: Getting to Know You as a Reader.

1. How many books, within your reading range, do you have at home? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Growing up, did a family member read to you or with you? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Does your family get the newspapers or magazines regularly? If so, explain which ones and who reads them the most? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you read at home? If so, how often? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. If you read at home, when do you read, for how often, and what do you read? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is your favorite genre of books to read? (horror, non-fiction, drama, humor, fantasy, sci-fi, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. In your opinion, how would you describe yourself as a reader? Place an ‘X’ next to the best descriptor.

\_\_\_ Developing Reader \_\_\_ Struggling Reader \_\_\_ Bored Reader

\_\_\_ Distracted Reader \_\_\_ Avid Reader \_\_\_ Entertained Reader

\_\_\_ Reluctant Reader

1. Do you think you are a good reader? Explain.

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1. Do you think reading will be important to your future? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your reading preference? Place an ‘X’ next to the best descriptor. \_\_\_ Read to \_\_\_ Read Silently \_\_\_ Partner Read

\_\_\_ Popcorn Read \_\_\_ Listen to books on tape

1. During the past 12 months, how many books have you read? Of those books, what was your favorite?
2. What is your favorite author? Series?

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1. When choosing a book, what do you look for in making your decision? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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2. In general, what are your feelings regarding reading…at home? And at school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Analyzing the Results

This survey will be completed by students during the first week of school. It will serve as a source into my students’ reading backgrounds, interests, and needs. Obviously, this survey will not be the only source/information used in identifying student needs, but it will be a good start to gaining valuable information about my students. In addition to this document, I will observe student habits, use inquiry, and gather past and present reading data to better serve my students. This survey will also assist me in identifying students who will need an extra push to read, while also identifying students who have a love for reading and could be used as models for other students. Overall, this survey will be an integral part in defining my classroom objectives and in identifying best practices for teaching reading.