Reader interest inventory

Grades 3-5

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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)
Your favorites list

Name:

Favorite movie of all time:

Favorite band or type of music:

Favorite TV show:

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

1

2

3

Favorite video games include:

Mark 5 things you love:

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

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Your favorites list

6 important people in your life:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6 important things in your life:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Mark your favorite activities:
- Basketball
- Football
- Soccer
- Fishing
- Baseball
- Softball
- Skiing
- Motor racing
- Hockey
- Skateboarding
- Bicycling
- Wrestling
- Volleyball
- Tennis
- Dancing
- Swimming
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics
- Ice skating
- Musical instruments
- Mini golf
- Others: __________

Who are your heroes (real people or fantasy characters)?

Circle a number for each type of reading:

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