



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:

<b>Favorite</b> movie of all time is:	Mark 5 you love:	
	O Animals	
	O Sports	
	O Nature	
<b>Favorite</b> TV show:	O Dancing	
	○ Art/Drawing	
	— O Writing	
List 3 things you like to do when you're not in school:	O Singing	
1 2	O Acting/Theatre	
	O Bike riding	
	O Computers	
	O Cooking	
	O Board games	
	O Video games	
	O Monsters	
3	O Science	
	O Army	
	O Wrestling	
	O Church	
	○ Watching TV/movies	
	O Travel	
	─ O School	
<b>Favorite</b> video games include:	O Swimming	
	O Music	
	<b>○</b> Other:	

### Your favorites list,

5 important people/things in your life:	Circle your	
1.	favorite activities:	
	○ Basketball	
2.	○ Football	
3.	O Soccer	
<b>J.</b>	O Fishing	
<b>4.</b>	O Baseball	
	○ Softball	
5.	O Skiing	
	O Motor racing	
	O Hockey	
Who are your <b>heroes</b> (real or fantasy)?	○ Skateboarding	
	O Bicycling	
	○ Wrestling	
	○ Volleyball	
	O Tennis	
	O Dancing	
	O Swimming	
	O Cheerleading	
Circle a number for each type of reading:	O Gymnastics	
1 2 3 4 5 Hate it! Not my fav. It's OK. Like it. Love it!	O Ice skating	

4

4

5

5

True stories	1	2	3	4	5
Action stories	1	2	3	4	5
Funny stories	1	2	3	4	5
Information books	1	2	3	4	5
Books about people	1	2	3	4	5

2

3

3

1

1

• Musical instruments

**○** Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Books about animals

Made-up stories



Thank you for downloading this product! To view hundreds of free literacy tips and tricks for K-12 teachers, visit the Idea Library on our **Smekens Education website**.



**KRISTINA SMEKENS** LEAD LITERACY CONSULTANT



KRISTI McCULLOUGH LITERACY CONSULTANT



**COURTNEY GORDON** LITERACY CONSULTANT



## ATCH & LEAR

On-demand **Reading & Writing PD** for K-12 educators

With the launch of "webPD" by Smekens Education, every teacher in your building can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone to watch powerful seminar-style presentations on a variety of topics in reading and writing.

#### Watch instantly at SmekenswebPD.com

(Or schedule your subscription with a purchase order!)



#### **FREE PREVIEW**

#### **TAKE A TEST DRIVE!**

The best way to see the power of webPD is to watch an actual video! Contact **Director of Professional Development** Brady Smekens today to set up your own complimentary preview or to inquire about our customized video bundles, district pricing, and more. (888) 376-0448

#### **HERE'S A SAMPLING OF CURRENT VIDEOS:**

Recognizing the Six Traits (Grades K-2; 3-5; 6-12)

**Rolling Out the Trait Language** (Grades K-1; 2-5; 6-12)

**Delivering Dynamic Mini-Lessons in Writing** (*Grades K-1; 2-5; 6-12*)

**Literacy Stations for Elementary** Classrooms (Grades K-5)

**Introducing Comprehension Strategies to Students** (Grades *K-12*)

**Classroom Mini-lessons: Introducing** the 6 Traits in 6 Days with 6 Texts (*Grades 3-5*)

**Classroom Mini-lessons: Introducing** the 6 Traits in 6 Days with 1 Text (Grades 6-12)

**Strategies for Teaching Content-Area Literacy** (*Grades 5-12*)









