

Secondary Interest-A-Lyzer

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This is an informal interest inventory which will serve as a foundation for developing your specific areas of interest throughout the school year. The information you provide is completely confidential. As a result of this survey, we hope to provide you with meaningful educational experiences that will further develop your interests, nurture your talents, and challenge your learning potential.

Read each question carefully and provide us with as much detailed information as possible so we may obtain a clear understanding of your interests.

Name _____

Grade _____ Date _____

School _____

1

You are fed up with the course offerings at your high school. Your principal has asked you to design the perfect course for people with your same interests. What would the course be called? What would be taught?

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Rather than provide money for a class trip, the board of education has decided to give money to each individual student for a trip of his or her choice! Where would you go? List three (3) places you would visit and explain what you would do while visiting there. Why?

3

You have written your first book which you are ready to submit for publication. What is the title? What is the book about?

4

You have been asked to plan a concert for your high school. You have an unlimited budget! List three (3) choices of musical performances that you would schedule for that evening's program.

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The science teachers at your high school are planning a Speakers' Bureau for their department based on a variety of special topics. Sign up for the **1st, 2nd** and **3rd choices** of presentations you would be interested in attending from the topics listed below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> toxic waste | <input type="checkbox"/> nuclear energy issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> health issues for teenagers | <input type="checkbox"/> green house effect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> genetic engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> environmental issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> endangered species | <input type="checkbox"/> volcanic erosion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> weather mapping | <input type="checkbox"/> meteorology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> forensic medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> rain forests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> robotics | <input type="checkbox"/> astronomy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> insecticide applications
in our environment | <input type="checkbox"/> ecology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> entomology | <input type="checkbox"/> medicine and medical issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scientific research and methods | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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In connection with a Law Day celebration, a conservative and a liberal attorney in your community have been invited to your high school to debate a topic. What are your three preferred choices for possible debate topics? Why are they important issues?

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You are a photographer and you have one picture left to take on your roll of film. What will it be of? Why?

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Teenagers in your community have been asked to prepare individual time capsules for future generations. You are allowed to include 10 personal possessions that are representative of you. What would you include in your capsule?

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You have the opportunity to work with an editor of your choice on the local newspaper staff. Which department would you work for? Rank order your choices 1 through 3 and feel free to prioritize beyond your third choice.

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| _____ national events | _____ household management and improvement |
| _____ culinary arts and nutrition | _____ movie reviews |
| _____ political cartoons | _____ crossword puzzles |
| _____ local history | _____ horoscopes |
| _____ stock market analysis | _____ music |
| _____ fashions | _____ consumer reports |
| _____ personal advice | _____ business |
| _____ humor and cartoons | _____ editorials |
| _____ celebrity column | _____ math puzzles |
| _____ children's page | _____ book reviews |
| _____ travel | _____ sports |
| _____ economics | _____ political commentary |
| _____ local events | _____ gossip column |
| _____ economics | _____ international events |
| _____ legal issues | _____ Other: _____ |

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You have had a dream in which you have been transported back in time and have become an active participant in that historical time period. Which period has this dream taken you to? Who did you meet while you were there?

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If you could conduct an interview with a man you admire, past or present, who would it be? What three (3) questions would you ask him?

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If you could conduct an interview with a woman you admire, past or present, who would it be? What three (3) questions would you ask her?

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If you could be an exchange student in any other country for half a school year, what country would you like to be in as a student? Why?

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You have the opportunity to learn foreign languages from native speakers. What three foreign languages would you want to learn? Explain your selections.

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An after school group has been planned to meet and discuss important issues facing young people. Select the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of seminars you would be interested in attending.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> contemporary moral issues | <input type="checkbox"/> peer relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> national security | <input type="checkbox"/> world peace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> career opportunities & choices | <input type="checkbox"/> family structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gender issues | <input type="checkbox"/> issues in ethnicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> death and dying | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

16

The school board is sponsoring a school-wide Olympiad. Any and all physical related activities will be featured. If you were to participate, what three (3) events would you like to compete in? Specify if your preference for being judged would be based on individual or group performance.

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Have you ever designed a computer program? If you have, describe your program. If you could design a computer program, what would it be?

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A mentorship program is being arranged to allow you to work with a person in the community involved in a profession/occupation you are interested in. List three (3) occupations that you would like to explore in a mentorship.

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List the titles/authors of your three (3) favorite books. State the type of book (science fiction, poetry, non-fiction, etc.) and briefly explain what it's about.

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List 5 magazines that you enjoy reading. Rank order your choices.

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Do you collect anything? Briefly describe your collection(s). What would you like to collect if you had the time and money?

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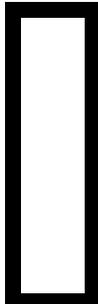
You have been asked to participate in producing the film of your choice. What type of film will this be? List your favorite three (3) choices.

- documentary
- musical
- biographical
- travelogue
- fantasy
- mystery
- horror

- science fiction
- classic
- foreign
- comedy
- a popular release for teenage audiences
- adventure
- general drama

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You have been asked to be a member of a social action committee in your town. Your task will be to work with elected officials to work on issues of importance. What three issues do you think need to be discussed? Why?



Respond to the following questions by checking all of the responses that might apply:

Yes, I would do this.

No, I would not do this.

I might be interested in doing this.

I have had experience with this activity.

Would you enjoy...

submitting one of your original writings for publication?

repairing a car, stereo or household appliance?

conducting a scientific experiment?

establishing a school newspaper?

being a photographer for a magazine?

starting an astronomer's nighttime observation group?

studying the stock market?

organizing a new school club or team?

starting a musical group/band?

acting in a theatrical production?

starting your own business?

creating your own comic strip?

painting or sketching people, objects and landscapes?

Yes, I would
do this.

No, I would
not do this.

I might be
interested in
doing this.

I have had
experience
with this
activity.

working on a political campaign? _____

learning a handicraft such as jewelry
making, pottery, or silkscreening ? _____

designing costumes, clothing
or furniture? _____

designing a building? _____

designing your own invention? _____

having your own photo lab and
developing your own photography? _____

visiting a museum or historical site? _____

keeping a personal journal or diary? _____

organic gardening? _____

being involved in a neighborhood
project? _____

belonging to a social action group
like the Sierra Club? _____

developing & maintaining a
computer bulletin board? _____

volunteering your time to a charitable
organization? _____