

DESCRIBING YOUR LIFE



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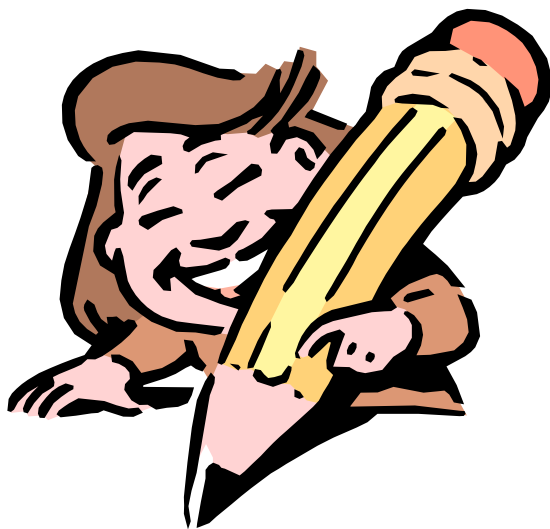
To all participants:

Many teenagers are taking part in this important survey. This survey will help us understand your thoughts and concerns so that better programs can be developed to improve the lives of teenagers.

The questions in this survey ask about a wide range of concerns and feelings. Some of these may or may not be important to you.

This is NOT a test, there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer as honestly as you can. Your responses will be kept strictly secret.

Thank you for your help!



Evaluating Your Life

Following are some statements that you might make about yourself. Please circle the one number on each scale that best describes how closely the statement applies to you **IN GENERAL**. There are no right or wrong answers, we are only interested in how you feel about your life.

1. I **keep trying**, even if at first I do not succeed *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		VERY MUCH
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2. I can **handle** most difficulties that come my way *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		VERY MUCH
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3. I am **able to do** most things as well as I want *(please circle the number)*

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4. I feel **good** about myself *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		VERY MUCH
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5. I feel I am **important** to others *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		VERY MUCH
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6. I feel **comfortable** with my sexual feelings and behaviors *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		VERY MUCH
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7. I have **enough energy** to do the things I want to do *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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8. I am **pleased** with how I look *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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9. I feel **comfortable** with the amount of stress in my life *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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10. I feel it is **okay** if I make mistakes *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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11. I feel my life has **meaning** *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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12. My personal beliefs **give me strength** *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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13. I feel most adults **treat me fairly** *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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14. I feel I am getting the **right amount** of attention from my family *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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15. I feel ***understood*** by my parents or guardians (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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16. I feel ***useful and important*** to my family (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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17. I feel my family ***cares*** about me (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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18. My family ***encourages*** me to do my best (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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19. I feel I am ***getting along*** with my parents or guardians (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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20. I feel my parents or guardians ***allow me*** to participate in important decisions which affect me (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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21. I feel ***alone*** in my life (*please circle the number*)

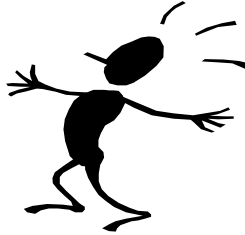
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22. I ***try to be*** a role model for others (*please circle the number*)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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23. I **can tell** my friends how I really feel (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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24. I am **happy** with the friends I have (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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25. I am **satisfied** with my social life (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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26. I feel I **can take part** in the same activities as others my age (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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27. People my age **treat me** with respect (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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28. I feel **left out** because of who I am (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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29. I feel my life is **full** of interesting things to do (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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30. I *like trying* new things (please circle the number)

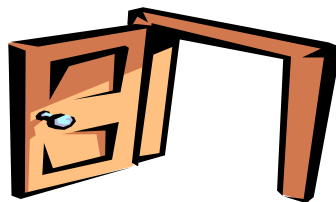
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31. I *like* my neighborhood (please circle the number)

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32. I *look forward* to the future (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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33. My family has *enough* money to live a good life (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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34. I feel *safe* when I am at home (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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35. I feel I am *getting* a good education (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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36. I *know* how to get the information that I need (please circle the number)

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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37. I **enjoy** learning new things *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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38. I feel **safe** when I am at school *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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39. I **enjoy** life *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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40. I am **satisfied** with the way my life is now *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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41. I feel life is **worthwhile** *(please circle the number)*

NOT AT ALL	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	VERY MUCH
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42. Compared with others my age, I feel **my life is...** *(please circle the number)*

MUCH WORSE THAN OTHERS	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	MUCH BETTER THAN OTHERS
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43. You have just answered some questions about how your life is now. Which areas listed below are most important to you? *Please write in the space provided* the FIVE (5) areas which are most important to your life in order of importance.

- 1 **Getting Support From Adults In My Life** •
- 2 **Being Myself** •
- 3 **Believing In Myself** •
- 4 **Caring For Others** •
- 5 **Being Included In Things** •
- 6 **Having Things I Enjoy Doing** •
- 7 **Getting Along With My Family** •
- 8 **Having Freedom** •
- 9 **Having Good Friends** •
- 10 **Having A Bright Future** •
- 11 **Having Good Physical Health** •
- 12 **Looking Good** •
- 13 **Being Able To Relax and Feel Good** •
- 14 **Having Enough Money** •
- 15 **Liking My Neighborhood** •
- 16 **Being Respected By My Classmates** •
- 17 **Being Safe** •
- 18 **Going To A Good School & Learning** •
- 19 **Feeling That My Life Has Meaning** •

The 5 Most Important
Areas to Me (write below)

1st Most
Important

2nd Most
Important

3rd Most
Important

4th Most
Important

5th Most
Important



44. Almost everyone has areas in their life they would like to change for the better. *Please write in the space provided* the FIVE (5) areas in your life which you would like to change for the better in order of importance.

- 1 Getting More Support From Adults In My Life •
- 2 Feeling That I Can Be Myself More •
- 3 Believing In Myself More •
- 4 Caring More For Others •
- 5 Being Included In More Things •
- 6 Having More Things I Enjoy Doing •
- 7 Getting Along With My Family Better •
- 8 Having More Freedom •
- 9 Having Better Friends •
- 10 Having A Brighter Future •
- 11 Having Better Physical Health •
- 12 Improving The Way I Look •
- 13 Being Able To Relax and Feel Good More Often •
- 14 Having More Money •
- 15 Having A Better Neighborhood •
- 16 Getting More Respect From My Classmates •
- 17 Increasing My Personal Safety •
- 18 Going To A Better School and Learning More •
- 19 Feeling That My Life Has More Meaning •

5 Areas I Would Like To Change
For The Better (write below)

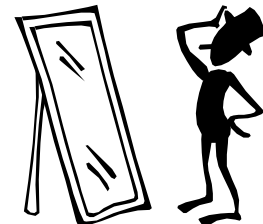
1st Change
Area

2nd Change
Area

3rd Change
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4th Change
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5th Change
Area



About Yourself

The following questions ask for general information about you. Please circle the number next to the option which best describes you.

45. How old are you? *(please circle the number)*

- 1 12 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER
- 2 13 YEARS OLD
- 3 14 YEARS OLD
- 4 15 YEARS OLD
- 5 16 YEARS OLD
- 6 17 YEARS OLD
- 7 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

46. What is your date of birth? *(please write-in your answer)*

ENTER YOUR BIRTH DATE HERE

_____'_____
MONTH DAY YEAR

47. What sex are you? *(please circle the number)*

- 1 FEMALE
- 2 MALE

48. What was the last grade you completed in school? *(please circle the number)*

- 0 5TH GRADE
- 1 6TH GRADE
- 2 7TH GRADE
- 3 8TH GRADE
- 4 9TH GRADE
- 5 10TH GRADE
- 6 11TH GRADE
- 7 12TH GRADE
- 8 IN SCHOOL, BUT NO GRADE
- 9 GED
- 10 BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL
- 11 I'M NOT IN SCHOOL

49. What do you consider to be your ethnic or racial background? *(please circle all that apply)*

- 1 WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)
- 2 HISPANIC/LATINO
- 3 AFRICAN
AMERICAN/BLACK
- 4 AMERICAN
INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE
- 5 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER
- 6 OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY

50. What is today's date? *(please write-in your answer)*

ENTER TODAY'S DATE HERE

_____, ____ 20____
MONTH DAY YEAR

51. Would you like to be contacted in the future regarding participation in studies? *(please circle the number)*

1 YES

2 NO

59. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? *(please write your answer below):*

We realize that answering these questions may have brought up some unpleasant issues for you. If you have been upset at all by this experience, we would encourage talking about it with someone close to you, such as a parent, friend, counselor, or doctor.

Thank You Very Much For Your Help!