

## PRIVILEGE APTITUDE TEST

Adapted From the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel

<https://civilrightsmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03 /YouthPrivilegeAptitudeTest.pdf>

Directions: Answer each of the following questions with YES or NO. If your answer is YES, give yourself 1 point. If your answer is NO, give yourself 0 points. After you have answered each of the questions, add up all of your points.

Item Number	Item	Yes	No	Points (0 or 1)
1	When I go to the store, people believe that I am trustworthy, and I will not steal something. People in the store do not follow me around.			
2	As a boy I can play with dolls or as a girl I can play with trucks without anyone questioning my choice.			
3	I can walk after dark in public places without fear. I am not taught to fear walking alone after dark in most public spaces.			
4	When I am taught about American history or about contributions made, I am sure that I will see and hear stories about people who look like me.			
5	The majority of the staff at my school look like me.			
6	My school has plenty of books in the library, computers for students, and additional resources for students and teachers.			
7	I will not be teased because of my last name.			
8	I am encouraged to excel in every subject in school.			
9	When a question about my race is asked, I am not the only one singled out to answer or speak my opinion.			
10	When I watch television, there are a lot of people in positive roles that look like me.			
11	My intelligence is not questioned because of the way I speak.			
12	Using public bathrooms and going up and down the stairs in public spaces are easy for me.			
Total Points				

## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

Directions: After you have completed the survey, in a small group (3–5), discuss the questions below. After you have discussed each question, choose one person from your group to share what was talked about with the larger group.

1. How did you feel about this activity?
2. As you were reading and answering the questions, how did you feel?
3. Please describe your feelings to the others in your group.
4. As you were reading the questions, can you think of other questions that should have been asked?
5. If you were creating your own privilege survey, what additional questions would you include on the survey? What are your reasons for including these questions?
6. Would you remove or rephrase any of the questions above? If so, why?
7. How does your TOTAL SCORE compare to others in your group?
8. Why do you think that the scores are different for people in your group?
9. As a group, choose to discuss specific questions from the survey.
10. Why did you choose to discuss these questions?
11. Compare the scores of each of your group members for each question.
12. Discuss the possible reasons for the different scores amongst your group members.