Student Common Reading Questionnaire

We can also administer the assessment using Washington State University’s Skylight Matrix System.

Demographic Information

Was Fall 2007 your first semester at WSU?
- Yes
- No

Age [text box number]

Area of Study [pull down menu]
- Agriculture
- BioSciences
- Business
- Communication
- Education
- Engineering/Architecture
- Fine Arts
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Speech & Hearing
- Undecided

Gender
- Female
- Male
- Choose Not to Answer

Are you an international student?
- Yes
- No

Were you in Freshman Focus?
- Yes
- No

Residence during fall 2007? [pull down menu]
- Parents Home
- Apartment
- Fraternity or Sorority
- Greek Live Out
- (Residence halls in alphabetical order)

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My first semester, I felt like part of the academic community of WSU
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I had the opportunity to engage in informal discussions with faculty
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I was introduced to a rich diversity of ideas
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I felt a sense of community and common ground with other students
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

I understand the types of research that goes on at a university
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Book Distribution

Were you aware that there was a Common Reading for fall 2007?
- Yes
- No

When did you receive your copy of Gina Kolata’s FLU book?
- I did not receive a copy
- After the semester started
- About a week before the semester started
- Less than a month before the semester started
- More than a month before the semester started
Reading the Book
How much of the book did you read before the semester started?
☐ None
☐ Less than half
☐ About half
☐ More than half
☐ All of it
How much of the book did you read eventually?
☐ None
☐ Less than half
☐ About half
☐ More than half
☐ All of it
How interesting did you find the book?
☐ Not at all
☐ Moderately interesting
☐ Very interesting
I had out-of-class conversations about the book with (check all that apply):
☐ No one
☐ Friends/classmates
☐ Family
☐ Faculty
☐ Staff
☐ Other [Text box]

The Common Reading in Your Classes
How many of your classes addressed the common reading?
☐ None
☐ One
☐ Two
☐ Three
☐ More than Three
In your classes that used the Common Reading, how was it used? (Check all that apply)
☐ The professor said it would be used, but it was not
☐ The theme or topic, but not the book was used
☐ The book was hardly used
☐ The book was used only during one part of the semester
☐ The book was used all semester long
What suggestions would you have for faculty using the common reading in the classroom? (three line text box)

Common Reading Events
Which Common Reading events were you aware of? (check all that apply)
☐ None
☐ Alfred Crosby Lecture
☐ Gina Kolata Lecture
☐ Library Activities/Displays
☐ Residence Hall Activities
☐ On-line Common Reading Resources
☐ Other (Text box)
Which of these did you use/attend?
☐ None
☐ Alfred Crosby Lecture
☐ Gina Kolata Lecture
☐ Library Activities/Displays
☐ Residence Hall Activities
☐ On-line Common Reading Resources
☐ Other (Text box)
Where did you hear about the events?
☐ Residence Hall
☐ In classes
☐ The Daily Evergreen
☐ Fliers
☐ Other (Text box)
Did you get a flu shot during fall semester 2007
☐ Yes
☐ No
Was your decision to get (or not get) a flu shot influence by the Flu book?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Suggestions for the Common Reading Program
Do you think WSU should continue with its Freshman Common Reading Program
☐ Yes
☐ No
What book (or type of book) do you think would be a good selection for the Common Reading in the future?
What Suggestions do you have for the use of future Common Readings? (in or out of the classroom... events, at orientation, etc.)

Please e-mail Leslie Jo Sena at senal@wsu.edu if you have any questions, would like to participate in our broader research initiative, or would like to have this document in electronic format. We would like to know where all this questionnaire goes. Please let us know if you use this basic instrument, how did it work for you, and what did it show?