Self-Care Assessment Worksheet
This assessment tool provides an overview of effective strategies to maintain self-care. After completing the full assessment, you can move on to developing a full self-care plan.

Using the scale below, rate the following areas in terms of frequency:
5 = Frequently 4 = Occasionally 3 = Rarely 2 = Never 1 = It never occurred to me

Physical Self-Care
___ Eat regularly (e.g. breakfast, lunch and dinner)
___ Eat healthy
___ Exercise
___ Get regular medical care for prevention
___ Get medical care when needed
___ Take time off when needed
___ Get massages
___ Dance, swim, walk, run, play sports, sing, or do some other physical activity that is fun
___ Take time to be sexual—with yourself, with a partner
___ Get enough sleep
___ Wear clothes you like
___ Take day trips or mini-vacations
___ Other:

Psychological Self-Care
___ Make time for self-reflection
___ Have your own personal psychotherapy
___ Write in a journal
___ Read literature that is unrelated to school
___ Let others know different aspects of you
___ Notice your inner experience—listen to your thoughts, judgments, beliefs, attitudes, and feelings
___ Engage your intelligence in a new area, e.g. go to an art museum, history exhibit, sports event, theater performance
___ Practice receiving from others
___ Be curious
___ Say “no” to extra responsibilities sometimes
___ Other:

Emotional Self-Care
___ Spend time with others whose company you enjoy
___ Stay in contact with important people in your life
___ Give yourself affirmations, praise yourself
___ Love yourself
___ Re-read favorite books, re-view favorite movies
___ Identify comforting activities, objects, people, relationships, places and seek them out
___ Allow yourself to cry
___ Find things that make you laugh
___ Express your outrage in social action, letters and donations, marches, protests
___ Play with children
___ Other:

Spiritual Self-Care
___ Make time for reflection
___ Spend time with nature
___ Find a spiritual connection or community
___ Be open to inspiration
___ Cherish your optimism and hope
___ Be aware of nonmaterial aspects of life
___ Try at times not to be in charge or the expert
___ Be open to not knowing
___ Identify what is meaningful to you and notice its place in your life
___ Have experiences of awe
___ Read inspirational literature (talks, music, etc.)
___ Other:

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Develop a Self-Care Plan

1. List the self-care habits you are using now to manage stress and stay healthy:
   (I get at least 8 hours of sleep at night)
   
2. List the self-care habits you would like to use but are not currently practicing:
   (Practicing yoga regularly)
   
3. Identify the obstacles keeping you from practicing these habits:
   (I don’t practice yoga regularly because I don’t have the time to)
   
4. What solutions can you come up with to address the obstacles you listed:
   (I could free up time for myself by watching less TV or waking up earlier)
   
5. Reread the self-care habits you wrote down for item 2. Select one of the habits you would like to begin practicing and complete the sentences below.
   Today, I commit to...
   I want to do this because...
   I will accomplish this by...