

Process Standards (Social Studies Skills and Processes)

8.29 Social Studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including technology.

8.30 Social Studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms.

STAAR	Tools to Know
0-10	8.29(A) differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about the United States 8.29(C) organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps 8.29(D) identify bias and points of view created by the historical context surrounding an event 8.29(F) evaluate a variety of historical and contemporary sources for validity, credibility, bias, and accuracy 8.30(A) use social studies terminology correctly 8.30(D) apply foundational language skills to engage in civil discourse about social studies topics, including those with multiple perspectives 8.31(A) describe governmental and democratic processes such as voting, due process, and caucuses using simulations and models
≥ 30% of items will be dual coded	

Exploration and Colonization

Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.3, 8.7, 8.11, 8.12, 8.15, 8.23, 8.25

8.2 History. The student understands the causes of exploration and colonization eras.

STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
4-5 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including colonization, ... and describe their causes and effects 8.2(A) identify reasons for English, Spanish, and French exploration and colonization of North America 8.3(A) explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period 8.7(D) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States 8.10(B)^ compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics 8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States 8.11(A)^ analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States 8.12(B) explain reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery 8.12(C)^ analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times 8.15(D)^ analyze ... the principles of limited government, republicanism, ... popular sovereignty, ... 8.23(A) identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: 1607, founding of Jamestown; 1620, arrival of the Pilgrims and signing of the Mayflower Compact; ... 8.2(B) compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies 8.3(B) analyze the importance of the Mayflower Compact, the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, and the Virginia House of Burgesses to the growth of representative government 8.3(C) describe how religion and virtue contributed to the growth of representative government in the American colonies 8.7(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free Blacks 8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the 17th, 18th, ... centuries 8.11(B)^ describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States 8.12(A)^ identify economic differences among different regions of the United States 8.15(E) explain the role of significant individuals such as Thomas Hooker, Charles de Montesquieu, and John Locke in the development of self-government in colonial America 8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity 8.25(A) trace the development of religious freedom in the United States

American Revolution		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.15, 8.19, 8.20, 8.22, 8.23	
8.4 History. The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary ... era.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
2-5 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... revolution, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: ... 1776, adoption of the Declaration of Independence; ...	
	8.4(A) analyze causes of the American Revolution, including the Proclamation of 1763, the Intolerable Acts, the Stamp Act, mercantilism, lack of representation in Parliament, and British economic policies following the French and Indian War	8.4(B) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including Abigail Adams, John Adams, Wentworth Cheswell, Samuel Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, James Armistead, Benjamin Franklin, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington	
	8.4(C) explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence; fighting the battles of Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 18th, ... centuries	
	8.11(A)^ analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States	8.20(A) evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue	
	8.15(C) identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence ...	8.20(B) analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as the Boston Tea Party ...	
	8.19(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights	8.22(B) describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as ... John Paul Jones ...	
		8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity	
		8.23(E)^ identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society	
		8.26(A)^ identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras ...	

Constitution		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.4, 8.7, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18, 8.19, 8.21, 8.25	
8.15 Government. The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and other important historic documents.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
7-8 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... creation and ratification of the Constitution, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: ... 1787, writing of the U.S. Constitution; ...	
	8.4(D) analyze the issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, including the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise	8.15(B) summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation	
	8.7(D) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States	8.18(A) identify the origin of judicial review	
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as ... transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.19(C) identify examples of responsible citizenship, including obeying rules and laws, staying informed on public issues, voting, and serving on juries	
	8.15(A) identify the influence of ideas from historic documents, including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, and the Federalist Papers on the U.S. system of government	8.21(A)^ identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues	
	8.15(C) identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence and explain how those grievances were addressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights	8.21(B) describe the importance of free speech and press in a constitutional republic	
	8.15(D)^ analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights	8.21(C)^ summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution ...	
	8.16(A) summarize the purposes for amending the U.S. Constitution	8.23(C)^ identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed	
	8.17(A) analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason, and explain how their debates exemplify civil discourse	8.25(A) trace the development of religious freedom in the United States	
	8.19(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights		
	8.19(B) summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights		
	8.25(C) analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life		

Early Republic		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.6, 8.13, 8.18, 8.20, 8.22	
8.5 History. The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
4-8 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... early republic, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: ... 1803, Louisiana Purchase; ...	
	8.5(A) describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic, including maintaining national security, creating a stable economic system, and setting up the court system	8.5(B) explain the effects of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793	
	8.5(D) explain the origin and development of American political parties	8.5(C) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system	
	8.5(F) identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine	8.5(E) explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812	
	8.6(A) explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States	8.11(B)^ describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States	
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.13(A) analyze the economic effects of the War of 1812	
		8.14(A) explain why a free enterprise system of economics developed in the new nation, including minimal government regulation, taxation, and property rights	
		8.14(B) describe the characteristics and the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system through 1877	
		8.18(A) identify the origin of judicial review	
		8.18(B) summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases, including Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden	
		8.20(A) evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue	
		8.21(A)^ identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues	
		8.22(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, John Marshall, ...	

Age of Jackson		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.17, 8.23	
8.5 History. The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
1-3 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... the Age of Jackson, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.5(C) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system	
	8.5(D) explain the ... development of American political parties	8.5(G) explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson, including expanded suffrage	
	8.7(D) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States	8.5(H) analyze the reasons for the removal and resettlement of Cherokee Indians during the Jacksonian era, including the Indian Removal Act, Worcester v. Georgia, and the Trail of Tears	
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as ... landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War	
	8.12(C)^ analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times	8.7(E) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War, including the role of John Quincy Adams	
	8.15(D)^ analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 19th centuries	
	8.17(B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis ...	8.21(A)^ identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues	
		8.21(C)^ summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution ...	
		8.23(C)^ identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed	
		8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity	
		8.26(A)^ identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras ...	

Westward Expansion

Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.11, 8.20, 8.27

8.6 History. The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation.

STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
3-5 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... westward expansion, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: ... 1803, Louisiana Purchase; ...
	8.6(B) analyze the westward growth of the nation, including the Louisiana Purchase and Manifest Destiny	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 19th centuries
	8.6(C) explain the causes and effects of the U.S.-Mexican War and their impact on the United States	8.11(B)^ describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States
	8.7(D) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States	8.12(A)^ identify economic differences among different regions of the United States
	8.10(B)^ compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	8.20(B) analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as ... Henry David Thoreau's refusal to pay a tax
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.23(C)^ identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed
	8.11(A)^ analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States	8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity
	8.12(C)^ analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times	8.23(E)^ identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society
		8.26(A)^ identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras ...
		8.27(C) analyze how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as ... the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad
		8.28(A)^ compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history

Industrialization		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.5, 8.12, 8.14, 8.23, 8.27, 8.28	
8.13 Economics. The student understands how various economic forces resulted in the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
5-8 items	8.10(B)^ compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	8.5(E) explain the ... effects of the War of 1812	
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 19th centuries	
	8.11(A)^ analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States	8.11(B)^ describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States	
	8.12(B) explain reasons for ... the spread of slavery	8.12(A)^ identify economic differences among different regions of the United States	
	8.12(C)^ analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times	8.13(A) analyze the economic effects of the War of 1812	
	8.13(B) identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization	8.14(A) explain why a free enterprise system of economics developed in the new nation, including minimal government regulation, taxation, and property rights	
	8.23(A) identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration	8.14(B) describe the characteristics and the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system through 1877	
	8.27(A) explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, the telegraph, and interchangeable parts	8.23(B) explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs	
		8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity	
		8.23(E)^ identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society	
		8.27(B) analyze how technological innovations changed the way goods were manufactured and distributed, nationally and internationally	
		8.27(C) analyze how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as the development of the factory system and the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad	
		8.28(A)^ compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history	
		8.28(B) identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the United States	

Reform and Culture		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.22, 8.23, 8.25	
8.24 Culture. The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century.			
8.26 Culture. The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
1-4 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... reform movements, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 19th centuries	
	8.24(A) describe and evaluate the historical development of the abolition movement, including activities that focused attention on the moral ills of slavery	8.22(B) describe the contributions of significant political, social, ... leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass, ... Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton	
	8.24(B) evaluate the impact of reform movements, including educational reform, temperance, the women's rights movement, prison reform, the labor reform movement, and care of the disabled	8.23(B) explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs	
		8.23(E)^ identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society	
		8.25(B) describe religious influences on social movements, including the impact of the ... second Great Awakening	
		8.26(A)^ identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras such as the Hudson River School artists, ... and transcendental literature	
		8.26(B) analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life	

Civil War

Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.17, 8.18, 8.22, 8.23, 8.26

8.7 History. The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War.

8.8 History. The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War.

STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
3-4 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... sectionalism, Civil War, ... and describe their causes and effects	8.1(B)^ explain the significance of the following dates: ... 1861–1865, Civil War
	8.7(C) analyze the impact of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 on slavery, free Blacks, and abolitionists	8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War
	8.7(D) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States	8.7(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free Blacks
	8.8(B) explain the central role of the expansion of slavery in causing sectionalism, disagreement over states' rights, and the Civil War	8.7(E) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War ...
	8.8(C) explain significant events of the Civil War, including the firing on Fort Sumter; the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg; the Emancipation Proclamation; Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House; and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln	8.8(A) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Civil War, including Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, and Abraham Lincoln, and heroes such as congressional Medal of Honor recipients William Carney and Philip Bazaar
	8.10(B)^ compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	8.8(D) analyze Abraham Lincoln's ideas about liberty, equality, union, and government as contained in his first and second inaugural addresses and the Gettysburg Address and contrast them with the ideas contained in Jefferson Davis's inaugural address
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.10(A)^ locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the ... 19th centuries
	8.12(C)^ analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times	8.12(A)^ identify economic differences among different regions of the United States
	8.15(D)^ analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights	8.18(C) evaluate the impact of landmark Supreme Court decision Dred Scott v. Sandford on life in the United States
	8.17(B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War	8.21(A)^ identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues
		8.21(C)^ summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution such as the Missouri Compromise, the Compromise of 1850, and Kansas-Nebraska Act
		8.22(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as ... Abraham Lincoln
		8.22(B) describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass ...
		8.23(B) explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs
		8.23(C)^ identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed
		8.23(E)^ identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society
		8.26(A)^ identify examples of American ... music ... that reflect society in different eras such as ... the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," ...
		8.28(A)^ compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history

Reconstruction		Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.8, 8.16, 8.19, 8.26	
8.9 History. The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation.			
STAAR	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards	
3-4 items	8.1(A)^ identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including ... Reconstruction, and describe their causes and effects	8.7(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free Blacks	
	8.8(C) explain significant events of the Civil War, including ... the assassination of Abraham Lincoln	8.9(A) evaluate legislative reform programs of the Radical Reconstruction Congress and reconstructed state governments	
	8.9(C) explain the economic, political, and social problems during Reconstruction and evaluate their impact on different groups	8.9(B) explain the impact of the election of African Americans from the South such as Hiram Rhodes Revels	
	8.10(B)^ compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	8.21(A)^ identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues	
	8.10(C)^ analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as ... transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States	8.21(C)^ summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution ...	
	8.16(A) summarize the purposes for amending the U.S. Constitution	8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity	
	8.16(B) describe the impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments	8.26(B) analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life	
	8.19(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights		

Process Standards (Social Studies Skills and Processes)			
8.29 Social Studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including technology.			
8.30 Social Studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms.			
8.31 Social Studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others.			
STAAR	Ways to Show		
19-28 ≥ 30% of items will be dual coded	8.29(B)	analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions	
	8.29(E)	formulate and communicate visually, orally, or in writing a claim supported by evidence and reasoning related to a social studies topic	
	8.29(G)	create a visual representation of historical information such as thematic maps, graphs, and charts representing various aspects of the United States	
	8.29(H)	pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, and charts	
	8.30(B)	use effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism	
	8.30(C)	create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information	
	8.31(B)	use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution	

40 items	24-26 questions from Readiness Standards	14-16 questions from Supporting Standards
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Knowledge and Skills

History

- 8.1 The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877.
- 8.2 The student understands the causes of exploration and colonization eras.
- 8.3 The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States.
- 8.4 The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary and Constitutional eras.
- 8.5 The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson.
- 8.6 The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation.
- 8.7 The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War.
- 8.8 The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War.
- 8.9 The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation.

Geography

- 8.10 The student understands the location and characteristics of places and regions of the United States, past and present.
- 8.11 The student understands the physical characteristics of North America and how humans adapted to and modified the environment through the mid-19th century.

Economics

- 8.12 The student understands why various sections of the United States developed different patterns of economic activity through 1877.
- 8.13 The student understands how various economic forces resulted in the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century.
- 8.14 The student understands the origins and development of the free enterprise system in the United States.

Government

- 8.15 The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and other important historic documents.
- 8.16 The student understands the purpose of changing the U.S. Constitution and the impact of amendments on American society.
- 8.17 The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system.
- 8.18 The student understands the impact of landmark Supreme Court cases.

Citizenship

- 8.19 The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States.
- 8.20 The student understands the importance of voluntary individual participation in the democratic process.
- 8.21 The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a constitutional republic.
- 8.22 The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic.

Culture

- 8.23 The student understands the relationships between and among people from various groups, including racial, ethnic, and religious groups, during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.
- 8.24 The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century.
- 8.25 The student understands the impact of religion on the American way of life.
- 8.26 The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created.

Science, technology, and society

- 8.27 The student understands the impact of science and technology on the economic development of the United States.
- 8.28 The student understands the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on daily life in the United States.

Spiral Standards

Historical Points of Reference

- 8.1(A) identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including colonization, revolution, creation and ratification of the Constitution, early republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, reform movements, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and describe their causes and effects
- 8.1(B) explain the significance of the following dates: 1607, founding of Jamestown; 1620, arrival of the Pilgrims and signing of the Mayflower Compact; 1776, adoption of the Declaration of Independence; 1787, writing of the U.S. Constitution; 1803, Louisiana Purchase; and 1861–1865, Civil War

Political

- 8.15(D) analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights
- 8.21(A) identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical issues
- 8.21(C) summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution such as the Missouri Compromise, the Compromise of 1850, and Kansas-Nebraska Act

Economic

- 8.12(C) analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times
- 8.12(A) identify economic differences among different regions of the United States
- 8.28(A) compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history

Geographic

- 8.10(B) compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics
- 8.10(C) analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States
- 8.11(A) analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States
- 8.10(A) locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries
- 8.11(B) describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States

Social

- 8.23(C) identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed
- 8.23(D) analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity
- 8.23(E) identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society
- 8.26(A) identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras such as the Hudson River School artists, the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” and transcendental literature