

Social Studies: Grade 8

U.S. History - Pre-Columbian to 1877

Citizenship

- Explains the public's influence on policy decisions
- Describes the origins of a democratic government

Culture

- Discusses the impact of immigrant cultures on native societies
- Summarizes how economic conditions affected cultural patterns

Time, Continuity, and Change

- Examines how world events impacted American settlement
- Investigates and analyzes multiple historical viewpoints

Space and Place

- Compares and contrasts land use patterns in America
- Identifies natural resources and geographical features

Individual Development and Identity

- Analyzes the qualities needed for successful leadership
- Identifies religious influence on development of American culture
- Explores the motivations for immigrations and migrations

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions

- Explains the basis of American society
- Evaluates impact of socioeconomic interests and media

Production, Distribution, and Consumption

- Analyzes economic factors underlying national and international rivalry
- Outlines differences in the U.S. economic structures

Power, Authority, and Governance

- Compares governments and how powers are acquired
- Explains purpose of a democratic government

Science, Technology, and Society

- Surveys American scientific developments and contributions
- Evaluates social changes that result from new technologies

Global Connections

- Analyzes successes of American Revolution
- Discusses influences on US foreign policy