

## STAAR Standards Snapshot - Grade 8 Social Studies

Rptg Cat	STAAR	STAAR Modified	Readiness Standards	Supporting Standards
1 History	20	16	<ul> <li>8.1.A identify the major eras and events in U.S. history through 1877, including colonization, revolution, drafting of the Declaration of Independence, creation and ratification of the Constitution, religious revivals such as the Second Great Awakening, early republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, reform movements, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and describe their causes and effects identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of North America</li> <li>8.2.A explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period 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 explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence; writing the Articles of Confederation; fighting the battles of Lexington, Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783 analyze the arguments for and against ratification describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic such as maintaining national security, building a military, creating a stable economic system, setting up the court system, and defining the authority of the central government</li> <li>8.5.C explain the origin and development of American political parties</li> <li>8.5.E identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine</li> <li>8.6.A explain he very and development of American political parties and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States explain the causes of the Civil War, including the firing on Fort Sumter; the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg; the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation; Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court Hous</li></ul>	<ul> <li>8.1.B apply absolute and relative chronology through the sequencing of significant individuals, events, and time periods 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</li> <li>8.2.B compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies</li> <li>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 in the American colonies</li> <li>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, Bernardo de Gálvez, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Haym Salomon, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington</li> <li>8.4.D analyze the issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, including the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise</li> <li>8.5.B summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system</li> <li>8.5.F explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812 explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson, including expanded suffrage</li> <li>8.5.G 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</li> <li>8.6.C analyze the relationship between the concept of Manifest Destiny and the westward growth of the nation identify areas that were acquired to form the United States, including the Louisiana Purchase</li> <li>8.7.B compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free blac</li></ul>
2 Geography and Culture	12	10	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 on major historical and contemporary 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 during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries 8.23.A identify selected racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration 8.24.B evaluate the impact of reform movements, including educational reform, temperance, the women's rights movement, prison reform, abolition, the labor reform movement, and care of the disabled analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life	8.10.A locate places and regions of importance 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 8.11.C describe how different immigrant groups interacted with the environment in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries 8.23.B explain the relationship between urbanization and conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were resolved 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 8.24.A describe the historical development of the abolitionist movement trace the development of religious freedom in the United States 8.25.B describe religious motivation for immigration and influence on social movements, including the impact of the first and second Great Awakenings 8.26.A describe developments in art, music, and literature that are unique to American culture such as the Hudson River School artists, John James Audubon, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," transcendentalism, and other cultural activities in the history of the United States identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life



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3 Government and Citizenship g	12	10	8.15.A identify the influence of ideas from historic documents, including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, the Federalist Papers, and selected Anti-Federalist writings, on the U.S. system of government 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 8.15.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 summarize the purposes for and process of amending the U.S. Constitution describe the impact of 19th-century amendments, including the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, on life in the United States analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War identify the origin of judicial review and analyze examples of congressional and presidential responses define and give examples of unalienable rights summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights	<ul> <li>8.15.B summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases, including Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden</li> <li>8.18.C evaluate the impact of selected landmark Supreme Court decisions, including Dred Scott v. Sandford, on life in the United States</li> <li>8.19.D identify examples of responsible citizenship, including obeying rules and laws, staying informed on public issues, voting, and serving on juries</li> <li>8.19.E summarize the criteria and explain the process for becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States</li> <li>8.20.A explain the role of significant individuals such as Thomas Hooker, Charles de Montesquieu, John Locke, William Blackstone, and William Penn in the development of self-government in colonial America</li> <li>8.20.B evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as the Boston Tea Party and Henry David Thoreau's refusal to pay a tax</li> <li>8.21.A identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical and contemporary issues</li> <li>8.21.B describe the importance of free speech and press in a constitutional republic</li> <li>8.21.C summarize a historical event in which compromise resulted in a peaceful resolution</li> <li>8.22.A analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, John Marshall, and Abraham Lincoln</li> <li>8.22.B describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass, John Paul Jones, James Monroe, Stonewall Jackson, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton</li> </ul>
4 Economics, Science, Technology and Society	8	6	8.12.B explain reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery  8.12.D analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times in U.S. history  8.13.B identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization  8.27.A explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, and interchangeable parts  8.27.B analyze the impact of transportation and communication systems on the growth, development, and urbanization of the United States	8.12.A identify economic differences among different regions of the United States explain the reasons for the increase in factories and urbanization 8.13.A analyze the War of 1812 as a cause of economic changes in the nation explain why a free enterprise system of economics developed in the new nation, including minimal government intrusion, taxation, and property rights  8.14.B describe the characteristics and the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system during the 18th and 19th centuries  8.27.C analyze how technological innovations changed the way goods were manufactured and marketed, nationally and internationally explain how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as how the factory system contributed to rapid industrialization and the Transcontinental Railroad led to the opening of the west  8.28.A compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the United States
STAAR	52		31-34 questions from Readiness Standards	18-21 questions from Supporting Standards
STAAR Modified		42	25-27 questions from Readiness Standards	15-17 questions from Supporting Standards

	Process Standards (Social Studies Skills)					
STAAR	STAAR Modified	8.29.A differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as computer software, databases, media and news services,				
≥ 30% of items will be dual coded	≥ 24% of items will be dual coded	biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about the United States  8.29.B analyze information by 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.C organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps identify points of view from the historical context surrounding an event and the frame of reference which influenced the participants				
≈ 16 items will be dual coded		support a point of view on a social studies issue or event use appropriate mathematical skills to interpret social studies information such as maps and graphs pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, charts, models, and databases use social studies terminology correctly				