

Grade 8 Social Studies (2026)

History: The student will demonstrate an understanding of issues and events in U.S. history.

History

- 1 The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.1
- 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. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.5
- 6 The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, and social development of the nation. (Readiness Standard) 8.6
- 8 The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.8

Geography and Culture: The student will demonstrate an understanding of geographic and cultural influences on historical issues and events.

Geography

- 10 The student understands the location and characteristics of places and regions of the United States, past and present. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.10

Culture

- 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. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.23
- 24 The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century. (Readiness Standard) 8.24

Government and Citizenship: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the role of government and the civic process on historical issues and events.

Citizenship

- 19 The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.19
- 20 The student understands the importance of voluntary individual participation in the democratic process. (Supporting Standard) 8.20
- 21 The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a constitutional republic. (Supporting Standard) 8.21
- 22 The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. (Supporting Standard) 8.22

Economics, Science, Technology and Society: The student will

Economics

demonstrate an understanding of economic and technological influences on historical issues and events.

- 12 The student understands why various sections of the United States developed different patterns of economic activity through 1877. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.12
 - 14 The student understands the origins and development of the free enterprise system in the United States. (Supporting Standard) 8.14
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Science, technology, and society

- 27 The student understands the impact of scientific and technology on the economic development of the United States. (Readiness and Supporting Standard) 8.27
- 28 The student understands the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on daily life in the United States. (Supporting Standard) 8.28