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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

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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

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