

STAAR Standards Snapshot - Grade 8 Social Studies

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		8.1(A)^ identify the major eras and events in U.S. history through 1877,	8.1(B)^ apply absolute and relative chronology through the sequencing of significant
		including colonization, revolution, drafting of the Declaration of Independence, creation and ratification of the Constitution,	individuals, events, and time periods 8.1(C) explain the significance of the following dates: 1607, founding of Jamestown; 1620,
		religious revivals such as the Second Great Awakening, early	arrival of the Pilgrims and signing of the Mayflower Compact; 1776, adoption of the
		republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, reform movements, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and	Declaration of Independence; 1787, writing of the U.S. Constitution; 1803, Louisiana Purchase; and 1861–1865, Civil War
		describe their causes and effects	8.2(B) compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the
		8.2(A) identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of	13 English colonies
		North America 8.3(A) explain the reasons for the growth of representative government	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
	ļ	and institutions during the colonial period	government
		8.4(A) analyze causes of the American Revolution, including the Proclamation of 1763, the Intolerable Acts, the Stamp Act,	8.3(C) describe how religion and virtue contributed to the growth of representative government in the American colonies
		mercantilism, lack of representation in Parliament, and British	8.4(B) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution,
		economic policies following the French and Indian War	including Abigail Adams, John Adams, Wentworth Cheswell, Samuel Adams, Mercy
		8.4(C) explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence; writing the Articles	Otis Warren, James Armistead, Benjamin Franklin, Bernardo de Gálvez, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Haym Salomon, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis
		of Confederation; fighting the battles of Lexington, Concord,	de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington
		Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783	8.4(D) analyze the issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, including the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise
		8.4(E) analyze the arguments for and against ratification	8.5(B) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system
>		8.5(A) describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic such as maintaining national security, building a	8.5(D) explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812 8.5(F) explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson, including expanded suffrage
1 History	20	military, creating a stable economic system, setting up the court	8.5(G) analyze the reasons for the removal and resettlement of Cherokee Indians during the
宝		system, and defining the authority of the central government 8.5(C) explain the origin and development of American political parties	Jacksonian era, including the Indian Removal Act, Worcester v. Georgia, and the Trail of Tears
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		Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address	growth of the nation
		and the Monroe Doctrine 8.6(A) explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and	8.6(E) identify areas that were acquired to form the United States, including the Louisiana Purchase
		procedures for orderly expansion of the United States	8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil
		8.6(B) explain the political, economic, and social roots of Manifest Destiny	War 8.7(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free blacks
		8.6(D) explain the causes and effects of the U.SMexican War and their	8.7(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and
		impact on the United States 8.7(C) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United	compromises prior to the Civil War, including the roles of John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, and Daniel Webster
		States	8.8(A) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Civil War, including
		8.8(B) explain the causes of the Civil War, including sectionalism, states' rights, and slavery, and significant events of the Civil War,	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
		including the firing on Fort Sumter; the battles of Antietam,	8.8(C) analyze Abraham Lincoln's ideas about liberty, equality, union, and government as
		Gettysburg, and Vicksburg; the announcement of the	contained in his first and second inaugural addresses and the Gettysburg Address and
		Emancipation Proclamation; Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House; and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln	contrast them with the ideas contained in Jefferson Davis's inaugural address 8.9(A) evaluate legislative reform programs of the Radical Reconstruction Congress and
		8.9(C) explain the economic, political, and social problems during	reconstructed state governments
		Reconstruction and evaluate their impact on different groups	8.9(B) evaluate the impact of the election of Hiram Rhodes Revels 8.9(D) identify the effects of legislative acts such as the Homestead Act, the Dawes Act, and
			the Morrill Act
		8.10(B) compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	8.10(A) ^A locate places and regions of importance in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries
		8.10(C) [^] analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors on	8.11(B)^ describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the
		major historical and contemporary events in the United States 8.11(A)^ analyze how physical characteristics of the environment	physical environment of the United States 8.11(C)^ describe how different immigrant groups interacted with the environment in the
		influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and	United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries
		economic activities in the United States during the 17th, 18th,	8.23(B) explain the relationship between urbanization and conflicts resulting from differences
r.		and 19th centuries 8.23(A) identify selected racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in	in religion, social class, and political beliefs 8.23(C)^ identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious
Culture		the United States and explain their reasons for immigration	groups were resolved
P P		8.24(B) evaluate the impact of reform movements, including educational reform, temperance, the women's rights movement, prison	8.23(D)^ analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity
2 y ar	12	reform, abolition, the labor reform movement, and care of the	8.23(E) [^] identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society
a ph		disabled 8.25(C) analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of	8.24(A) describe the historical development of the abolitionist movement 8.25(A) trace the development of religious freedom in the United States
2 Geography and		religious freedom on the American way of life	8.25(B) describe religious motivation for immigration and influence on social movements,
Ge			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
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			the Republic," transcendentalism, and other cultural activities in the history of the
			United States 8.26(B)^ identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in
			different eras
			8.26(C) analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life



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3 Government and Citizenship	12	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 8.16(A) summarize the purposes for and process of amending the U.S. Constitution 8.16(B) 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 8.17(B) 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 8.19(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights	8.15(B) summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation 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 8.18(C) evaluate the impact of selected landmark Supreme Court decisions, including Dred Scott v. Sandford, on life in the United States 8.19(D) identify examples of responsible citizenship, including obeying rules and laws, staying informed on public issues, voting, and serving on juries 8.19(E) summarize the criteria and explain the process for becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States 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 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 8.21(A) identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical and contemporary issues 8.21(B) summarize a historical event in which compromise resulted in a peaceful resolution analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, John Marshall, and Abraham Lincoln 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
4 Economics, Science, Technology and Society	8	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 8.12(C) 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 8.14(A) 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 8.27(D) 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 8.28(B) identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the United States
# Items	52	31-34 questions from Readiness Standards	18-21 questions from Supporting Standards