

Academic Vocabulary

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SOCIAL STUDIES
GRADE 8

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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Major eras	Spiritual revival	Promoted
Describe	Events	Reason	Convened
	Colonization	Scientific theory	Defining
	Revolution	States' rights	Challenged
	Drafting Declaration of Independence	Mercantilism	
	Constitution	Global trade	
	Creation	Intolerable Acts	
	Ratification	First Continental Congress	
	Religious revivals	Thomas Paine	
	Second Great Awakening	<i>Common Sense</i>	
	Early republic	Era of Good Feelings	
	Age of Jackson	Revolutionary era	
	Westward expansion	Jacksonian era	
	Reform movements	Characteristic	
	Sectionalism	Ceded territory	
	Civil War	Great Britain	
	Reconstruction	Sense of nationalism	
	Cause	Evangelical revivalists	
	Effect	Religious traditionalists	
		Restructure federal government	
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STANDARD 8.2(A) identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of North America

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Reasons	France	Primary
	Exploration	Overpopulation	
	Colonization	Europe	
	North America	Communities	
		Religious tolerance	
		Profit	
		Trade (furs, other goods)	
		Joint ventures	
		Powers	
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STANDARD 8.3(A) explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Reasons	Parliament	Policy
	Growth	King of England	Tradition
	Representative government	Exercise control	Diagram
	Institutions	Local matters	
	Colonial period	Regional matters	
		Salutatory neglect	
		Self-government	
		Proprietary	
		Converted	
		Royal colonies	
		System of common defense	
		Economic aid	
		Great Britain	
		Lawmaking structure	
		Traditional rights	
		Englishmen	
		General council	
		Manage	
		Strict control	
		Institutions	
		Appointed	
		Governors	
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STANDARD 8.4(A) 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Causes	Sons of Liberty	Excerpt
	American Revolution	Dissatisfaction	Interference
	Proclamation of 1763	Political debates	Objected
	Intolerable Acts	Albany Convention	
	Stamp Act	Great Britain	
	Mercantilism	Slave trade	
	Lack of representation	Economic consequences	
	Parliament	Great Awakening	
	Economic policies	American Indians	
	French and Indian War	Fur trade	
		Westward expansion	
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STANDARD 8.4(C) 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Issues	Abigail Adams	Excerpt
	Events	John Adams	
	American Revolution	Diplomats	
	Declaring independence	French aid	
	Articles of Confederation	Proclamation of 1763	
	Lexington	American Indians	
	Concord	Fur trade with France	
	Saratoga	Limits of westward expansion	
	Yorktown	Free trade with foreign nations	
	Winter at Valley Forge		
	Treaty of Paris of 1783		
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STANDARD 8.4(E) analyze the arguments for and against ratification

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Ratification arguments	Anti-Federalists	Opposed
		Bill of Rights	
		U.S. Constitution	
		Strengthen authority	
		Federal government	
		Organization of the judiciary	
		Give states equal power	
		Protect individual freedoms	
		Patrick Henry	
		Alliances	
		Accountability	
		Individuals	
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STANDARD 8.5(A) 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Domestic problems	Alexander Hamilton	Abolition
	Leaders	Trade embargo	
	New republic	Great Britain	
	Maintaining national security	Consumption taxes	
	Building a military	Trade alliance with France	
	Creating a stable economic system	National bank	
	Setting up court system	George Washington	
	Defining authority of the central government	Secede	
		Debts from the American Revolution	
		Refusal to trade	
		Articles of Confederation	
		Strong constitution	
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STANDARD 8.5(C) explain the origin and development of American political parties

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Origin	Federalists	
	Development	Democratic-Republicans	
	American political parties	Monroe Doctrine	
		New states	
		Declaration of Independence	
		John Adams	
		Benjamin Franklin	
		Alexander Hamilton	
		George Washington	
		James Madison	
		Thomas Jefferson	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Foreign policies	Immigration of Europeans	Summarize
Explain	Washington’s Farewell Address	International peace	Prohibit
	Monroe Doctrine	Alliances	
		Nullify federal laws	
		Preserve sovereignty	
		Colonization	
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STANDARD 8.6(A) explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR		
Thinking	Content	Content	Common	
Explain	Northwest Ordinance	Admitting new states	Milestone	
	Principles	State legislatures	States (New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia)	
	Procedures	Ratify the Constitution		
	Expansion of the United States		Treaties with American Indians	
			Peaceful settlement	
			New territories	
			Missouri Compromise	
			Wilmot Proviso	
			Kansas-Nebraska Act	
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STANDARD 8.6(B) explain the political, economic, and social roots of Manifest Destiny

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR		
Thinking	Content	Content	Common	
Explain	Political	Financial panics	Essay	
	Economic	Wealth and independence		
	Social	Rise of Republican Party		
	Roots	Abolitionist groups		
	Manifest Destiny		Western territories	
			Secession movement	
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STANDARD 8.6(D) explain the causes and effects of the U.S.-Mexican War and their impact on the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Causes	Compromise of 1850	Territories: California Nevada Texas Florida
	Effects	Popular sovereignty	
	U.S. –Mexican War	Revolutionary War	
	Impact on the U.S.		
			Civil War
			Annexation
			Border disputes
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STANDARD 8.7(C) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Impact of slavery	Census results	Data
	Sections	Gulf Coast states	Conclusion
	United States	Steamboats	
		Lower South	
		Plantations	
		Border states	
		Import	
		Raw materials	
		Upper South	
		Industrialized	
		Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854	
		Popular sovereignty	
		Abolition	
		Missouri Compromise of 1820	
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STANDARD 8.8(B) explain the causes of the Civil War, including sectionalism, states' rights, and slavery, and significant events 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 House; and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Causes of Civil War	Bombardment	Depicted
	Sectionalism	Confederate	Significant
	States' rights	Besieged	Initiated
	Slavery	Mississippi River	Priority
	Significant events	Invasion	Implement
	Firing on Fort Sumter	Union	
	Antietam		
	Gettysburg		
	Vicksburg		
	Emancipation Proclamation		
	Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House		
	Assassination of Abraham Lincoln		
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STANDARD 8.9(C) explain the economic, political, and social problems during Reconstruction and evaluate their impact on different groups

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Economic	Bonds	Excerpt
Evaluate	Political	Currency	
	Social	Bank failures	
	Problems	Bankrupt	
	Reconstruction	Destroyed railroads, farms, and homes	
	Impact on groups	High food prices	
		Crop failures	
		Gold Rush	
		Washington, D.C. during the War of 1812	
		Western territories after the U.S. - Mexican War	
		<i>Black Codes</i>	
		Andrew Johnson	
		Restrictions on freedmen	
		Reconstruction Amendments	
		Labor supply	
		Representatives in Congress	
		Democratic Party	
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STANDARD 8.10(B) compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Compare	Places	Bordered	Annexed
	Regions	Pacific	Ceded
	Physical characteristics	Territory	Diagram
	Human characteristics	Geography	Selected places: Texas California Mexico New York Boston Charlestown
		Coastlines	
		Natural resources	
		Flooding rivers	
		Development	
		Natural harbors	
		Climates	
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STANDARD 8.10(C) analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors on major historical and contemporary events in the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Effects	Confederacy	Advantage
	Physical	Union	
	Human	Civil War	
	Geographic factors	Factories	
	Historical events	Railroad system	
	Contemporary events	Terrain	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Physical characteristics	Gadsden Purchase	
	Environment	Commerce	
	Influence	Louisiana Purchase	
	Population distribution	Mexico	
	Settlement patterns	Florida	
	Economic activities		
	17 th century		
	18 th century		
	19 th century		
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STANDARD 8.23(A) identify selected racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Racial	Pull factor	Prospect
Explain	Ethnic	Free land	Primarily
	Religious	Religious freedom	Immigrant groups: Chinese Catholics Irish
	Groups	Economic boom	
	Reasons for immigration	Free education	
		Profit	
		Natural resources	
		Crop failures	
		Famine	
		Cash crops	
		Debts	
		Persecution	
		Violent conflicts	
		Smallpox epidemics	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Evaluate	Impact	Slave trade	Quoted
	Reform movements	Limits on immigration	Expose
	Educational reform	Corruption	Establish
	Temperance	Consumption	
	Women’s rights		
	Prison reform		
	Abolition		
	Labor reform		
	Care of the disabled		
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STANDARD 8.25(C) analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Impact	State convention	Provides
	First Amendment	Protestors	Best example
	Guarantee	Personal freedoms	Best demonstrates
	Religious freedom	Popular sovereignty	Asserts
	American way of life	Federal government	
		Rights of the accused	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Influence of ideas	Arguments	
	Historic documents	Ratified	
	Magna Carta	Constitution	
	English Bill of Rights	Central government	
	Mayflower Compact	Stable	
	Federalist Papers	Prosperous	
	Anti-Federalist writings	Three-Fifths Compromise	
	U.S. system of government	Representation	
		Universal suffrage	
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STANDARD 8.15(C) 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Colonial grievances	Provision	Assent
	Declaration of Independence	Appoint justices	Wholesome
	U.S. Constitution	Consent of the Senate	
	Bill of Rights	Power	
		Federal courts	
		Commerce clause	
		Regulate trade	
		Override presidential veto	
		Two-thirds majority	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	U.S. Constitution		
	Principles		
	Limited government		
	Republicanism		
	Checks and balances		
	Federalism		
	Separation of powers		
	Popular sovereignty		
	Individual rights		

STANDARD 8.16(A) summarize the purposes for and process of amending the U.S. Constitution

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Summarize	Purpose	Propose	
	Process	Petition	
	Amending the U.S. Constitution	Majority of citizens	
		Sign or vote in favor	
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STANDARD 8.16(B) describe the impact of 19th-century amendments, including the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, on life in the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Impact	Voting rights	
	19 th -century amendments	Freedom of speech	
	13 th amendment	Access to the court system	
	14 th amendment	Permanent freedom	
	15 th amendment	Result	
		Protect individual rights	
		Confederate officials	
		Prohibited	
		Elected office	
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STANDARD 8.17(A) analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Arguments	Ratifying the Constitution	Calculated
	Federalists	Accountability	Consolidated
	Anti-Federalists	Resolve disputes	Adequately
	Alexander Hamilton	Division of power	Potential
	Patrick Henry	Government abuse	Overturn
	James Madison	Executive branch	
	George Mason	Judicial review	
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STANDARD 8.17(B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Constitutional issues	Annul	Incompatible
	States' rights	Andrew Jackson	Contradicted
	Nullification Crisis	Proclamation	
	Civil War	Shay's Rebellion	
		War of 1812	
		Overrule	
		Supremacy	
		Monroe Doctrine	
		Missouri Compromise	
		Three-Fifths Compromise	
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STANDARD 8.18(A) identify the origin of judicial review and analyze examples of congressional and presidential responses

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Origin	Supreme Court	Reversed
Analyze	Judicial review	Legal authority	
	Congressional response	Georgia	
	Presidential response	Cherokee Nation	
		Andrew Jackson	
		Filing petition	
		Pay reparations	
		Ruling	
		Dred Scott v. Sandford	
		Dawes Act	
		Fourteenth Amendment	
		Compromise of 1877	
		Kansas-Nebraska Act	
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STANDARD 8.19(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Define	Unalienable rights	Life	Self-evident
Give examples		Liberty	Endowed
		Pursuit of happiness	Excerpt
		Thomas Jefferson	Enlistment
		Declaration of Independence	
		Washington's Farewell Address	
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STANDARD 8.19(B) summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Summarize	Rights	Fourth Amendment	
	Guaranteed	Excessive fines	
	Bill of Rights	Imprisonment for life	
		Jury trial	
		Excessive surveillance	
		Conscription	
		First Amendment	
		Second Amendment	
		Sixth Amendment	
		Ninth Amendment	
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STANDARD 8.12(B) explain reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
explain	Reasons for development	Eli Whitney	Cultivated
	Plantation system	Cotton gin	
	Transatlantic slave trade	Demand for slaves	
	Spread of slavery	Textile factories	
		Producer	
		Northern mills	
		Agricultural expansion	
		Tariffs	
		Revenue	
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STANDARD 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

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR		
Thinking	Content	Content	Common	
Analyze	Causes	Western territories		
	Effects	Northeast		
	Economic differences	South		
	Regions	Limited land		
	Selected times	Immigrant population		
		Natural harbors		
		Navigable rivers		
		Rocky soil		
		Slave labor		
		Inexpensive land		
		Abundant natural resources		
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STANDARD 8.13(B) identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Economic factors		
	Rapid industrialization		
	Urbanization		

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STANDARD 8.27(A) explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, and interchangeable parts

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Effects	Economy	
	Technological innovations	Canals	
	Scientific innovations	Movement of goods	
	Steamboat	Reduction of costs	
	Cotton gin	Western territories	
	Interchangeable parts	Transporting workers	
		Bessemer steel process	
		Westward expansion	
		Clipper ships	
		Interstate canal system	
		Conestoga wagons	
		Railroads	
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STANDARD 8.27(B) analyze the impact of transportation and communication systems on the growth, development, and urbanization of the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		STAAR	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Impact	Erie Canal	
	Transportation	Early nineteenth century	
	Communication	Growth of cities	
	Systems	Rise in cotton exports	
	Growth	Cost of shipping	
	Development	Volume of trade	
	Urbanization	Tariffs	
		Raw materials	
		Unskilled workers	
		New markets	
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