

Grade 8 Social Studies Assessment-Topics Assessed

		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<i>Multiple Choice</i>							
Historiography	archeology	2,3				1	1
	culture	1	26				
	primary sources				2	2	
Geography	regions of U.S.						2
	Atlantic Coast			9		3	
	Great Lakes				29		
	landforms		1				
	peninsula				1		
	land bridge			7			
	Northwest Passage			2			
Native Americans	cooperation among						3
	Adaptation & environment		4			3	
	location			1			
	Maya and Aztec	4	2		3		
	Iroquois Confederation					6	
	representative government					7	
	long houses				4		5
	Effect of European Diseases	6	3	3	5		
	Indian Removal Act					15	17
American Indian Movement						4	
Colonies	early exploration						6
	triangular trade		7			36	
	Reasons for coming here	5					
	Mayflower Compact				6		
	location of English colonies			9		4	
	location of New France					5	
	products and profit of regions	7-9		4,5	8		
	Dutch colonies		6		7		
	Southern Colonies						7
	House of Burgesses		5				
	Albany Plan of Union						8
	French and Indian War			10			
	mercantilism			11			
	“Join or die”			8			
Revolutionary War	British taxation		8				9
	Navigation Acts				9		
	boycott	10			11		
	“no taxation without...”					8	
	causes	12,13	9			13	
	Declaration of Independence		10		10		10
	events of					9	
	N.Y. battles						11
	Saratoga				44		
women’s contribution		10					
Constitutional Convention and	problems with Articles of Confederation, reasons for		11	14			14

	model for U.S. Constitution						
	convention debates						36
	Great Compromise					12	
	3/5 Compromise				13		
	Preamble				14		
	Electoral College					34,35	
	federalism	11	12				
	checks and balances	14	14	16	16		
	N.Y. State Assembly v. House of Representatives						13
	override veto					10	
	Commander in Chief					32	
	amendment		13				12
	Bill of Rights			13			
	First Amendment						15
	religious discrimination			15			
	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i>			22			16
	judicial review					3	
	Federalists/Anti-Federalists	16			15		
	Lewis and Clark				17		
	Louisiana Purchase	17	15				
	Jackson's policies						38
	Indian Removal act					15	17
	Trail of Tears			23			
Early Industrialization	canals and railroads						18
	Samuel Slater's innovation			17			
	water power		16				
Reformers	cotton gin			17	18		
	abolition				20	37	21
Expansion	Seneca Falls	19	41		19		
	Manifest Destiny	20					19
Civil War	War with Mexico				21		
	California Gold					16	20
	Underground Railroad						21
	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>			44	26		
	<i>Dred Scott</i>						21
	sectionalism			21	22	14	
	Election of 1860			20			
	Fort Sumter	21	18				
	Northern Advantages	21		19			
	Southern Advantages			18			22
Reconstruction and Jim Crow	Emancipation Proclamation					17	
	Gettysburg				44		
	Walt Whitman					21	
	Civil Rights Amendments						37
	KKK		19				
	limits on voting rights				23		
Westward	Jim Crow Laws			26			
	segregation	22		27			
	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i>	23			25		
barbed wire					19		

	inflation						41
	capitalism						43
	supply and demand					38	
	stocks				27		
	study of			6			
Industrialization	immigration		22	28	24	20	25
	changes			25			
	urbanization	25					
	mechanization					18	
	steel mills				28		
Progressive Era	muckrakers	27	24	31		22	24
	primaries				31		
	T. Roosevelt				32		
	NAACP			31			
	Susan B. Anthony			31			
	Triangle Shirtwaist Fire		25				
	Sherman Anti-trust	26					
Imperialism	Open Door Policy	28		29			26
	Yellow Journalism				30		
	Spanish American War					44	
	Annexation of Philippines					43	
	a cause of World War I	29				34	
	Big Stick			30			
World War I	causes				39	39	
	alliances			33			
	U-boat warning					23	
	Lusitania					24	
	Women's war effort					28	
	14 Points/League of Nations	30	27				28
1920s	"return to normalcy"						29
	quotas			33			
	Prohibition						27
	changes						30
	Harlem Renaissance		28	34	33	25	
	mass production	31					
	automobiles		23				
Great Depression and New Deal	causes	32	30	35		45	31
	problems of Depression				43		35
	unemployment				35		
	Hooverilles		29				
	Dust Bowl	34					
	Social Security Act	33	31	36			44
World War II	opposition to New Deal					26	
	isolationism	36					
	Holocaust						32
	Lend-Lease Act					27	
	Pearl Harbor		32				
	battles			45		41	
	Normandy				44		
	women's war effort	35			36	28	
home front	37	33	43				

Cold War	friend turns enemy	38	35	42			
	containment						33
	Truman Doctrine				37	40	
	Marshall Plan	39			37	40	
	Berlin Airlift				45	42	39
	NATO					40	
	Korean War		43		45	42	39
	Cuban Missile Crisis		3	38	45	42	39
	Vietnam War		40	39	45		39
1950s	suburbs and highways		37				34
1960s	American Indian Movement						4
	Vietnam War Protests			39			
Civil Rights	separate but equal unconstitutional						42
	goals	40					
	Martin Luther King Jr.					31	
	civil disobedience			42			
	Rosa Parks				38		
	affirmative action				41		
1970s	Nixon's resignation						40
1990s	Persian Gulf War		44			32	
Current Issues	aging Americans						45
	economic issues	45				38	
	taxes and spending		38,39				
	election issues	42				35	
	gap between rich and poor				42		
	links between jobs and education			40			
	Election of 2000				40		
	global warming	43,44					
	strong presidency	45					

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<i>Constructed Response</i>							
Native American life	Migration to North America		1-3				
Colonies	English colonies						1-4
Revolutionary War	British taxation						
	Declaration of Independence			1,2,3			
Young Republic	Articles of Confederation	1-3					
	Federalists/Anti-Federalists				1-3		
	plantation life					1-3	
Innovation and expansion	inventions		7,8				
	Manifest Destiny						
	Louisiana Purchase			4	4-6		
	Oregon			5			
	War with Mexico			6			
Civil War	draft/volunteers		4-6				
	Confederate perspective		5-6				
Industrialization	immigration						
	changes					7,8,9	
	trusts			7			
	tariff			8			
	mass production	9				4	5-8
	Child labor	7-9					
World War I	causes						
	U-boat warning			9			
	Lusitania			10			
Great Depression and New Deal	causes						
	problems of Depression				7,8		
	programs				9		
	opposition to New Deal						
World War II	4 Freedoms				10-12		
1960s	discrimination against women	10-12					
	Vietnam War Protests					10-12	
Civil Rights	separate but equal unconstitutional						
	civil disobedience						9-11

Grade 8 Assessment- DBQ Topics

<p>June 2006 Reasons immigrants came to the United States and hardships they faced on arrival</p>	1	reasons immigrants came
	2	reasons for Irish immigration
	3	reasons for Greek immigration
	4	restrictions
	5	tenements
	6	worker protests
	7	reasons immigrants did not fit in
<p>June 2005 Ways in which African Americans were denied rights and the methods used since 1950 by groups, individuals, and/or the government</p>	1	<i>Brown v. Board</i>
	2	picture of Rosa Park's arrest
	3	Greensboro sit-in
	4	March on Washington
	5	voter registration
	6	non-violence
	7	challenges today
<p>June 2004 2 ways women have not had the same rights as men and 2 individuals, groups, and/or events that helped women in their struggle for equal rights</p>	1	woman's ability
	2	west leading women's suffrage
	2	19 th amendment
	3	
	3	N.O.W.
	4	Rosie the Riveter
	5	women leaving jobs after World War II
	6	Civil Rights Act of 1964
7	women in the workforce during the 20 th century	
<p>June 2003 Erie Canal and the Transcontinental Railroad caused economic growth in the United States</p>	1	Erie Canal: economic growth
	2	Erie Canal: freight
	2	Erie Canal: advantages
	3	Erie Canal: economic growth
	4	Transcontinental Railroad: Economic growth
	5	Transcontinental Railroad: western Cities
6	Transcontinental Railroad: Economic growth	
<p>June 2002 Discuss 2 different goals of reformers during the Progressive Era and describe 2 methods used by reformers to help bring change in society</p>	1	Bosses of Senate cartoon
	2	tenement life
	2	Jacob Riis
	3	conservation
	3	Jacob Muir
	4	child labor
	5	Pure Food and Drug Act
	6	Progressive platform
7	Jane Addams	
8	Hull House	
<p>June 2001 4 ways WWII effected life at home</p>	1	Rosie the Riveter
	2	rationing
	3	scrap metal
	4	canning
	5	internment
	6	death totals