

Eighth Grade State Achievement Tests

Item Distribution Across Standards

Social Studies

Points assigned to each standard and benchm

STANDARD/Benchmarks		Practice Test	May 2007
History		9	13
Multiple Tier Timelines	A	0	0
Impact of early civilizations on later ones	B	4 E	1
Feudalism, Renaissance, Reformation in Europe	C	1	1
Interactions of civilizations 14th -18th centuries	D	1	3 S
Causes, effects of Am. Revolution	E	1	1
US political,ec. Challenges post Am. Revolution	F	0	5 E
Causes, effects of Am. Civil War	G	2 S	2
People in Societies		3	8
Compare cultural practices, products etc.	A	1	2
Interactions of cultural groups - cooperation/conflict	B	1	2
Different cultures; diffusion of beliefs, arts, etc.	C	1	4 E
Geography		2	5
Physical, human features of continents on maps	A	1	1
Identify regions using human/physical characterists.	B	0	1
Environmental influences modifications on people	C	1	2
Effects of movement	D	0	1
Government		2	5
Why people institute governments, how influence.	A	1	2
Documents provide protection of rights/democracy	B	1	2
Democracies, monarchies, dictatorships	C	0	1
Citizen Rights		2	5
Civic participation/goals	A	1	3 S
Hst. origins influence rights of citizens	B	1	2
Economics		2	3
Productive resources impact on ec. decisions etc.	A	1	1
Trade and global interdependence	B	1	1
Connections between government policies & economics	C	0	1
Social Studies skills and Methods		4	9
Perspectives on topics - variety of sources	A	0	2 S
Organize, analyze info. to draw conclusions	B	1	2
Support a position w/ evidence & citation of sources	C	1	3
Working effectively in groups	D	2 S	2 S
TOTAL		24	48

"S" indicates that a 2 point short answer is included in this point total.

"E" indicates that a 4 point extended response is included in this point total.