

Teaching American History

Potential Instruments for Measuring American History Knowledge of K-12 Students by State

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Potential Instruments for Measuring American History Knowledge of K-12 Students by State¹²³

Test	Alabama High School Graduation Exam	California Standard Test	Delaware Student Testing Program	Georgia End of Course Testing Program
Website	http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/faqs.asp?section=54&sort=2&footer=sections	http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/	http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/	http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/curriculum/testing/eoct_guides.asp
Contact	<p>Primary Contact: Dr. Anita Buckley Commander 50 North Ripley Street P.O. Box 302101 Montgomery, Alabama 36104</p> <p>Phone: (334) 242-8155</p>	<p>California Department of Education 1430 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Phone: (916) 445-8765</p>	<p>Delaware Student Testing Program U.S. Mail: DSTP, Delaware Department of Education 401 Federal Street, Suite #2, Dover, DE 19901</p> <p>Phone: Toll free hotline: (877) 838-DSTP Assessment and Analysis Fax: (302) 739-3092 E-mail Wendy Roberts, Director, Assessment and Analysis Group E-mail: wroberts@doe.k12.de.us Media contact is Ron Gough, DOE Public Information Officer (302) 735-4035</p>	<p>Testing Division 1754 Twin Towers East Atlanta, Georgia 30334</p> <p>Phone: (404) 656-2668 Phone: (800) 634-4106 Fax: (404) 656-5976</p>
Intended Audience	High School Graduation Exam	California Standard Test: Years 8, 10 and 11	Social studies tests are administered in grades 4, 6, 8, and 11. The test in grades 4 and 6 is given in October.	End-of-course assessments for students in grades nine through twelve for the following core high school subjects: mathematics, English language arts, Science and Social Studies.

¹ Please note that this list was compiled by Synergy Enterprises, Inc.(SEI) and the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy (CEEP) to provide grantees with possible instruments, and does not in any way reflect support or endorsement by the Teaching American History Program or the U.S. Department of Education.

² Please note that while this list highlights most of the states with history/social studies assessment it may not be inclusive of all states with such tests.

³ These tests should be used for diagnostic purposes, not punitive purposes; and aggregated data should be used to protect the confidentiality of individual teachers and students.

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Scope of Content	<p>This test helps measure the student's knowledge of United States history. Standards tested include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global influence of the pre-colonial and colonial eras of the Western Hemisphere. • Formation and development of the United States. • Eras of revolution, expansion, and reform prior to the United States Civil War. • United States Civil War Era. • Developments of the late 19th and 20th centuries. • Causes and effects of World War I. • Great Depression and World War II. 	<p>Detailed academic content standards are available on this website: http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/hstmain.asp</p> <p>However specific information as to the content of what the testing assesses is not available.</p>	<p>DSTP tests are tied to the Delaware Content Standards and are administered annually.</p> <p>The social studies DSTP assesses students in civics, economics, geography, and history through multiple-choice questions and brief open-ended constructed response questions. The test items are designed to measure how well a student: understands the concept identified in the content standard; applies knowledge and understanding using the skill or process identified in the standard; and connects knowledge to the concept and process in order to explain, support, or justify the response. The questions concentrate on explanation and application since Delaware's standards are based on explanation and application.</p>	<p>The Georgia End-of-Course Test (EOCT) for U.S. History is designed to test six major areas of knowledge, called content domains. The content domains are broad categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Fundamental Social Studies Skills II. Colonization to the Constitution (Beginnings to 1789) III. A New Nation: (1790 – 1860) IV. Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Industrial Age (1860 – 1910) V. World Power and Domestic Reform (1896 – 1940) VI. The Modern Era (1940 to the Present)
Sample Exams	<p>http://www.alsde.edu/html/sections/documents.asp?section=54&sort=16&footer=sections</p>	<p>Permission is granted in advance for reproduction of these resources for educational purposes. The content must remain unchanged and in its entirety as published by the California Department of Education. http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtg.asp</p>	<p>http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/DSTP_Social_Studies_2005.html</p>	<p>http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/curriculum/testing/eoct_items.asp</p>

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Test	Illinois Standards Achievement Test and the Prairie State Achievement Examination	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress	Kansas	Kentucky Commonwealth Accountability Testing System
Website	http://www.isbe.state.il.us/	http://www.doe.state.in.us	http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/Welcome.html	http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Default.htm
Contact	<p>100 N. 1st Street Springfield, IL 62777 Phone: (866) 262-6663</p> <p>100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-300 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (312) 814-2220</p> <p>Student Assessment Becky McCabe, Division Administrator Email: rmccabe@isbe.net Phone: (217) 782-4823 Fax: (217) 782-6097</p>	<p>Indiana Department of Education Room 229 State House Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2798</p> <p>Phone: (317) 232 6610 Fax: (317) 232 8004</p>	<p>Kansas State Department of Education 120 SE 10th Avenue Topeka KS 66612-1182</p> <p>Phone: (785) 296-3201 Fax: (785) 296-7933</p> <p>Assessment Coordinator Dr. Cheryl Randall Phone: (785) 296-4358 crandall@ksde.org</p>	<p>Kentucky Department of Education 500 Mero Street Frankfort, KY 40601</p> <p>Phone: (502) 564-4770.</p>
Intended Audience	<p>Illinois students undergo assessment in social science through two tests: the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE). Illinois also participates in NAEP testing. The ISAT is administered in social science to students in grades 4 and 7. The PSAE is administered to students in the 11th grade. Illinois' tests are criterion referenced and relate to the Illinois Learning Standards.</p>	<p>Grades 5, 7 and 9 High School Diploma Requirement</p>	<p>Beginning in 2008, Social Studies will be a part of the annual alternate assessment for students in grades 6, 8 and High School.</p>	<p>Social studies is tested in grades 5, 8, and 11.</p>

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Scope of Content	<p>Detailed academic content standards are available: http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_science/standards.htm</p> <p>However specific information as to the content of what the testing assesses is not available.</p>	<p>Core 40 end-of-course exams in social studies were scheduled to begin in 2004 for the class of 2011 in grades 5, 7 & 9. (suspended)</p> <p>The Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus (ISTEP+) will assess students in U.S. History. Both assessments are aligned with the state standards for the social studies.</p>	<p>High school assessment, two part: World Focus (includes world history, global economics, and world geography) & U.S. Focus (includes U.S. and Kansas history, civics-government, and U.S. related economics)</p>	<p>Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) testing includes The Kentucky Core Content Tests (KCCT) including social studies.</p> <p>Assessments are based on topics within the Core Content, and test developers reportedly use the Core Content as they design assessments involving multiple choice, open response, on-demand writing, and writing portfolios. In social studies, there are 24 multiple-choice questions and 6 open-response questions on the exam.</p> <p>http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Curriculum+Documents+and+Resources/Core+Content+for+Assessment/Core+Content+for+Assessment+4.0/Content+Specific+CCA+4.0--+DOK+Support+Materials.htm</p>
Sample Exams	<p>http://www.isbe.state.il.us/assessment/social_science.htm</p>	<p>Free samples available online http://www.doe.state.in.us/core40eca/pdf/USHistoryItemSampler4-1-05.pdf</p>	<p>Released items will be made available. Estimated date for the release of test items or exemplars is Fall 2007.</p>	<p>http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Curriculum+Documents+and+Resources/Released+Test+Items/default.htm</p>

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Test	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program	Maine Educational Assessment	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) And Michigan Merit Exam	Subject Area Testing Program U.S. History from 1877 Test
Website	http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/index.html	http://www.maine.gov/education/	http://www.doe.mass.edu/	http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168_31355---,00.html	http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/osa/uisindex.html
Contact	Louisiana Department of Education PO Box 94064 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064 Phone: (877) 453-2721 (toll free)	Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0023 Voice: (207) 624-6600 Fax: (207) 624-6700	Department of Education 350 Main Street Malden 02148-5023 Phone: (781) 338 3000	Michigan Department of Education 608 W. Allegan Street P.O. Box 30008 Lansing, MI 48909 Phone: (517) 373-3324	Mississippi Department of Education Office of Student Assessment PO Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205-0771 Phone: (601) 359-3052 Fax: (601) 359-2471
Intended Audience	LEAP 21 (Louisiana Educational Assessment Program for the 21st Century) and the GEE 21 (Graduation Exit Examination for the 21st Century) represent a newly implemented criterion-testing system in Louisiana. Students take LEAP 21 tests in grades 4 and 8 and the GEE 21 in grades 10 and 11.	Students take tests in grades 4, 8, and 11 in English language arts, mathematics, science and technology, and social studies.	The tests will be administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 10 or 11. End-of-course assessments will be given to students in either grade 10 or 11 on United States history. Trials took place in 2005-2006.	A social studies yearly tests is administered at the end of elementary school (6 th grade), and at the end of middle school (9 th grade).	High School Graduation requirement

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Scope of Content	<p>Social Studies 3 units shall be American History, one-half unit of Civics, one-half unit of Free Enterprise; and one of the following: World History, World Geography, or Western Civilization</p> <p>Comprehensive curriculum of U.S History is available at this website: http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/2108.html</p> <p>As criterion-referenced tests, the exams are aligned with the state's content standards.</p>	<p>The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is designed to measure students' achievement in the Maine Learning Results.</p> <p>The assessments in social studies consist of multiple choice, short answer and constructed response questions.</p>	<p>The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will examine students in history and social science.</p> <p>The test for 5th graders will address U.S. history and geography and early settlements through the War of 1812. Seventh graders will be tested in world geography and the history of ancient and classical civilizations.</p> <p>A plan is currently being implemented to establish an end-of-course exam to be administered in grades 10 or 11 in U.S. history. The exam was scheduled to be piloted in 2004–05 and operational by 2005–06.</p> <p>No record of implementation can be found at this time.</p>	<p>The Michigan Educational Assessment Program will examine students in social studies areas including geography, economics, civics, and history. There is also a holistic civics writing section administered to 6th and 9th graders, where they are asked to write an essay with a given prompt that pertains to civics issues.</p>	<p>The U.S. History from 1877 Subject Area Test measures not only important historical knowledge, but also real-world skills by having students read and interpret statistical data, maps, charts, and tables.</p> <p>Questions from the following assessment strands are distributed throughout the test: International Relations; Domestic Affairs; Geography; Economics; and Civics.</p>
Sample Exams	Not available	Not available	http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/testit/ems.html	http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168_31355-95469--,00.html http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168_31355-95470--,00.html	<p>Website offers practice tests.</p> <p>http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/acad/osa/usindex.html</p>

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Test	New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program	The University of the State of New York Regents High School Examination	North Carolina End of Course Test	Ohio Graduation Test
Website	http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/	http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/socstre/registushg.html	http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/	http://www.ode.state.oh.us/
Contact	<p>New Hampshire Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3860</p> <p>Main Number: (603) 271-3494 Fax: (603) 271-1953</p>	<p>University of the State of New York State Education Department Curriculum and Instruction Room 319 EB 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234</p> <p>Fax: (518) 474-0319 Email: emscocis@mail.nysed.gov</p>	<p>Department of Public Instruction 301 North Wilmington Street Raleigh, NC 27601</p>	<p>Ohio Department of Education, 25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183</p> <p>Phone: (877) 644-6338</p>
Intended Audience	<p>Students are assessed at the end of 6th grade and 10th grade in social studies.</p>	<p>High School</p>	<p>An end-of-course test in U.S. history is administered in 11th grade.</p>	<p>In Ohio students take diagnostic assessments, achievement tests, and the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). In social studies students take diagnostic exams at grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 and achievement tests at grades 5 and 8. Students take the Ohio Graduation Test in grade 10. Students currently take a proficiency test in citizenship in grades 4 and 6. They must pass the ninth grade test in order to graduate.</p>

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Test	New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program	The University of the State of New York Regents High School Examination	North Carolina End of Course Test	Ohio Graduation Test
Scope of Content	<p>Content covers: writing of U.S./NH constitution; causes of Civil War; legitimate authority; federalism; evolution of meaning of citizenship; impact of Industrial Revolution; impact of Westward Expansion on Native Americans; Turner thesis; capitalism; feudalism; stock market; changes in economic systems; impact of ethnocentrism; conflict, global transformation; pandemics; exploration; tension between national interests and global priorities; development of weapons of war; time efficiency; colonialism, federalism, "no taxation without representation"</p>	<p>The Regents examinations in Global History and Geography and in United States History and Government assess student achievement of the social studies learning standards at the commencement level. Students are to be allowed a maximum of three hours to complete each examination. Each examination has three parts. Students are to answer all questions in all parts; no choice is permitted.</p>	<p>The U.S. History test assesses the U.S. History curriculum of the North Carolina <i>Standard Course of Study</i>. The end-of-course test assesses the entire U.S. History curriculum (12 goals and associated objectives). The questions on the test are distributed as follows: 40% of the questions assess knowledge of the foundation of the United States to the Civil War and Reconstruction and 60% of the questions assess knowledge of post-Reconstruction to the present.</p>	<p>Detailed academic content standards are available: http://www.ode.state.oh.us/academic_content_standards/acssocialstudies.asp#Social_Studies_Academic_Content_Standards</p> <p>However specific information as to the content of what the testing assesses is not available. The content standards are used in conjunction with the benchmarks for assessing the content.</p>
Sample Exams	<p>Not available</p>	<p>http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/socstre/regentushg.html</p> <p>This website offers a link to most recent as well as archived papers.</p> <p>Each Regents examination is used only once (with a few exceptions), and after administration the test content becomes public information.</p>	<p>http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/accountability/testing/eoc/ushistory/</p>	<p>Released tests: http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/samples.asp</p> <p>Sample tests: http://www.ode.state.oh.us/proficiency/released_tests.asp</p>

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Test	Oklahoma School Testing Program	Oregon's Educational Act for the 21 st Century	Exit Level Texas Assessment of Academic Achievement End-of-Course Exam	Virginia SOL Review and Practice	Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations
Website	http://www.sde.state.ok.us/home/defaultie.html	http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/subjects/general/asmtovervieworasmntsystem0506.pdf	http://www.tea.state.tx.us/studentassessment/resources/release/	http://www.solpass.org/7ss/USHistory1877on.htm	http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/index.html
Contact	<p>Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599</p> <p>Phone: (405) 521-3301 Fax: (405) 521-6205</p>	<p>Oregon Department of Education 255 Capitol Street NE Salem, OR 97310-0203</p> <p>Phone: (503) 947-5600</p>	<p>Texas Education Agency 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas, 78701</p> <p>Student Assessment Division Phone: (512) 463-9536</p>	<p>Virginia Department of Education PO Box 2120 Richmond, VA 23218 Instruction</p> <p>Phone: (804)225-2034 Email: emscocis@mail.nysed.gov</p>	<p>Department of Public Instruction, 125 S. Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841</p> <p>Phone: (800) 441-4563 Social Studies contact: Beverly J. Kniess Phone: (608) 266-3706</p>
Intended Audience	<p>Students in grades 5 and 8 take the OCCTs in U.S. history.</p> <p>End-of-instruction exams are administered in U.S. history.</p>	<p>Grades 5, 8, and 9-12 are tested specifically in social sciences.</p>	<p>High School</p>	<p>Grades 3, 5, 8 and High School</p>	<p>Wisconsin's Student Assessment System (WSAS) has two components: the Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test and the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations (WKCE). The WKCE are aligned with the state standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students take the exams in grades 4, 8, and 10. The questions consist of both commercially developed questions administered nationwide and specific questions designed specifically for Wisconsin.</p>

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Scope of Content	<p>The Oklahoma School Testing Program includes both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests.</p> <p>The Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT) are criterion-referenced exams based on the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS).</p> <p>The 5th grade U.S. history test examines students in U.S. history, the Constitution, and government from 1492 to 1800. The eighth grade exam assesses students' knowledge of history, the Constitution, and government from 1760 to 1860.</p> <p>The end-of-instruction exam in U.S. history focuses on the time period from 1850 to 1975 (specifically the Compromise of 1850 to U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam).</p>	<p>Students are tested in the following areas of social science: civics and government, economics, geography, historical skills, world history, and US history.</p>	<p>Assesses knowledge of U.S history at high school level.</p>	<p>The Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools describe the commonwealth's expectations for student learning and achievement in grades K-12 in English, mathematics, science, history and social science, technology, the fine arts, foreign language, health and physical education, and driver education.</p>	<p>Content standards are available: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/standards/ssstanb.html</p> <p>Performance standards are available: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/standards/ssb4.html</p> <p>However no specific test content is provided.</p>
Sample exams	<p>Released and practice test items: http://www.sde.state.ok.us/home/defaultie.html</p>	<p>Sample tests at: http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=445</p>	<p>Website offers complete exams that have been released following all districts that have completed testing.</p> <p>Online versions are available but copyright permission is required from the Texas Education Agency.</p>	<p>http://www.solpass.org/</p> <p>Subscription is available to access information and tests.</p> <p>No complete history tests are available for release due to the loss of test items incurred in the revision of the 2001 History and Social Science Standards of Learning.</p>	<p>http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/oea/profitem.html</p> <p>Limited sample questions at tested grade levels are provided.</p>

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