



A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY GUIDE 2013-2014

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- Government - Founding Documents
 - Key elements of the Declaration of Independence
 - Reasons for creation of the Bill of Rights
 - Structure and functions of the federal government
 - Primary source documents (approximately 8 questions)
- Concepts in History
 - Creation of the U.S. Constitution
 - Constitutional authors and contributors
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Contributions of the Founding Fathers to development of national government
 - Participation in the democratic process
 - Current leaders in national government

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in Government
 - Historical origins of democratic forms of government
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Rights, responsibilities and freedoms in democratic societies
- Concepts in Culture
 - Compare and contrast institutions that are basic to all societies

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in Government
 - Structure and functions of state government
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Important historical figures who illustrate participation in the democratic process
 - Current leaders in state government

Primary Source Documents

The documents listed are available online from numerous sources. Refer to the links under Recommended Resources.

- **The Declaration of Independence**
- **Preamble of the U.S. Constitution**
(concepts and applications)
- **The Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- Our Documents
www.ourdocuments.gov
- The National Archives DocsTeach
www.docsteach.org
- The Library of Congress
www.loc.gov/teachers
- Digital History
www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
- The Avalon Project
avalon.law.yale.edu
- History.com
www.history.com/topics
- Teacher Oz's Kingdom of History
www.teacheroz.com/toc.htm