

# **STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES**

## **Standards for Historical Understanding (PreK – Grade 4)**

1. Understands family life now and in the past, and family life in various places long ago
2. Understand the history of the local community and how communities in North America varied long ago
3. Understands the people, events, problems, and ideas that were significant in creating the history of their state
4. Understands how democratic values came to be, and how they have been exemplified by people, events, and symbols
5. Understands the causes and nature of movements of large groups of people into and within the United States, now and long ago
6. Understands the folklore and other cultural contributions from various regions of the United States and how they helped to form a national heritage
7. Understands selected attributes and historical developments of societies in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe
8. Understands major discoveries in science and technology, some of their social and economic effects, and the major scientist and inventors responsible for them

## **Standards for United States History (Grades 5 – 12)**

9. Understands the characteristics of societies in the Americas, western Europe, and West Africa, and their interactions after 1450
10. Understands cultural and ecological interactions resulting from early European exploration and colonization
11. Understands how the early Europeans and Africans interacted with Native Americans in the Americas
12. Understands how political institutions and religious freedom emerged in the North American colonies
13. Understands how the values and institutions of European economic life took root in the colonies and how slavery reshaped European and African life in the Americas
14. Understands the causes of the American Revolution, the ideas and interests involved in shaping the revolutionary movement, and reasons for the American victory
15. Understands how the American Revolution involved multiple movements among the new nation's many groups to reform American society
16. Understands the institutions and practices of government created during the revolution and how these elements were revised between 1787 and 1815 to create the foundation of the American political system
17. Understands the United States territorial expansion between 1801 and 1861, and how it affected relations with external powers and Native Americans
18. Understands how the industrial revolution, the rapid expansion of slavery, and the westward movement changed American lives and led to regional tensions
19. Understands the extension, restriction, and reorganization of political democracy after 1800

20. Understands the sources and character of reform movements in the antebellum period and what the reforms accomplished or failed to accomplish
21. Understands the causes the Civil War
22. Understands the course and character of the Civil War and its effects on the American people
23. Understands how various reconstruction plans succeeded or failed
24. Understands how the rise of big business, heavy industry, and mechanized farming transformed American society
25. Understands massive immigration after 1870 and how new social patterns, conflicts, and ideas of national unity developed amid growing cultural diversity
26. Understands the rise of the American labor movement and how political issues reflected social and economic changes
27. Understand federal Indian policy and United States foreign policy after the Civil War
28. Understands how progressives and others addressed problems of industrial capitalism, urbanization, and political corruption
29. Understands the changing role of the United States in world affairs through World War I
30. Understands how the United States changed between the post-World War I years and the eve of the Great Depression
31. Understands the causes of the Great Depression and how it affected American society
32. Understands how the New Deal addressed the Great Depression, transformed American federalism, and initiated the welfare state
33. Understands the origins and course of World War II, the character of the war at home and abroad, and its reshaping of the U.S. role in world affairs
34. Understands the economic boom and social transformation of post-World War II America
35. Understands the legacy of the New Deal in the post-World War II period
36. Understands the Cold War and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts in domestic and international politics
37. Understands the struggle for racial and gender equality and for the extension of civil liberties
38. Understands developments in foreign and domestic policies between the Nixon and Clinton presidencies
39. Understands the major social and economic developments in contemporary America

### **Standards for World History (Grades 5 – 12)**

40. Understands the biological and cultural processes that shaped the earliest human communities
41. Understands the processes that contributed to the emergence of agricultural societies around the world
42. Understands the major characteristics of civilization and the development of civilizations in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Indus Valley
43. Understands how agrarian societies spread and new states emerged in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BCE
44. Understands the political, social, and cultural consequences of population movements and militarization in Eurasia in the second millennium BCE

45. Understands technological and cultural innovation and change from 1000 to 600 BCE
46. Understands how Aegean civilization emerged and how interrelations developed among peoples of the Eastern Mediterranean and Southwest Asia from 600 to 200 BCE
47. Understands how major religious and large-scale empires arose in the Mediterranean Basin, China, and India from 500 BCE to 300 CE
48. Understands how early agrarian civilizations arose in Mesoamerica
49. Understands the Imperial crises and their aftermath in various regions from 300 to 700 CE
50. Understands the causes and consequences of the development of Islamic civilization between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> centuries
51. Understand major developments in East Asia in the era of the Tang Dynasty from 600 to 900 CE
52. Understands the political, social, and cultural redefinitions in Europe from 500 to 1000 CE
53. Understands state-building in the Northeast and West Africa, and the southward migrations of Bantu-speaking peoples
54. Understands the rise of centers of civilization in Mesoamerica and Andean South America in the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium CE
55. Understands the maturation of an interregional system of communication, trade, and cultural exchange during a period of Chinese economic power and Islamic expansion
56. Understands the redefinition of European society and culture from 1000 to 1300 CE
57. Understands the rise of the Mongol Empire and its consequences for Eurasian peoples from 1200 to 1350
58. Understands the growth of states, towns, and trade in Sub-Saharan Africa between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries
59. Understands patterns of crisis and recovery in Afro-Eurasia between 1300 and 1450
60. Understands the expansion of states and civilizations in the Americas between 1000 and 1500
61. Understands how the transoceanic interlinking of all major regions of the world between 1450 and 1600 led to global transformation
62. Understands how European society experienced political, economic, and cultural transformations in an age of global intercommunication between 1450 and 1750
63. Understands how large territorial empires dominated much of Eurasia between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
64. Understands the economic, political, and cultural interrelations among peoples of Africa, Europe, and the Americas between 1500 and 1750
65. Understands transformations in Asian societies in the era of European expansion
66. Understands major global trends from 1450 to 1770
67. Understands the causes and consequences of political revolutions in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries
68. Understands the causes and consequences of the agricultural and industrial revolutions from 1700 to 1850
69. Understands how Eurasian societies were transformed in an era of global trade and the emergence of European power from 1750 to 1850
70. Understands patterns of nationalism, state-building, and social reform in Europe and the Americas from 1830 to 1914

71. Understands patterns of global change in the era of Western military and economic domination from 1850 to 1914
72. Understands major global trends from 1750 to 1914
73. Understands global and economic trends in the high period of Western dominance
74. Understands the causes and global consequences of World War I
75. Understands the search for peace and stability throughout the world in the 1920s and 1930s
76. Understands the causes and global consequences of World War II
77. Understands how new international power relations took shape in the context of the Cold War and how colonial empires broke up
78. Understands the promises and paradoxes of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

### **Standards for Civics (High School)**

79. Understands ideas about civic life, politics, and government
80. Understands the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited governments
81. Understands the sources, purposes, and functions of law, and the importance of the rule of law for the protection of individual rights and the common good
82. Understands the concept of a constitution, the various purposes that constitutions serve, and the conditions that contribute to the establishment and maintenance of constitutional government
83. Understands the major characteristics of systems of shared powers and of parliamentary systems
84. Understands the advantages and disadvantages of federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government
85. Understands alternative forms of representation and how they serve the purposes of constitutional government
86. Understands the central ideas of American constitutional government and how this form of government has shaped the character of American society
87. Understands the importance of Americans sharing and supporting certain values, beliefs, and principles of American constitutional democracy
88. Understands the roles of voluntarism and organized groups in American social and political life
89. Understands the role of diversity in American life and the importance of shared values, political beliefs, and civic beliefs in an increasingly diverse American society
90. Understands the relationships among liberalism, republicanism, and American constitutional democracy
91. Understands the character of American political and social conflict and factors that tend to prevent or lower its intensity
92. Understands issues concerning the disparities between ideals and reality in American political and social life
93. Understands how the United States Constitution grants and distributes power and responsibilities to national and state government and how it seeks to prevent the abuse of power
94. Understands the major responsibilities of the national government for domestic and foreign policy, and understands how government is financed through taxation

95. Understands issues concerning the relationship between state and local governments and the national government and issues pertaining to representation at all three levels of government
96. Understands the role and importance of law in the American constitutional system and issues regarding the judicial protection of individual rights
97. Understands what is meant by the “the public agenda”, how it is set, and how it is influenced by public opinion and the media
98. Understands the roles of political parties, campaigns, elections, and association and groups in American politics
98. Understands the formation and implementation of public policy
99. Understands how the world is organized politically into nation-states, how nation-states interact with one another, and issues surrounding U.S. foreign policy
100. Understands the impact of significant political and nonpolitical developments on the United States and other nations
101. Understands the meaning of citizenship in the United States, and knows the requirements for citizenship and naturalization
102. Understands issues regarding personal, political, and economic rights
103. Understands issues regarding the proper scope and limits of rights and the relationships among personal, political, and economic rights
104. Understands how certain character traits enhance citizens’ ability to fulfill personal and civic responsibilities
105. Understands how participation in civic and political life can help citizens attain individual and public goals
106. Understands the importance of political leadership, public service, and a knowledgeable citizenry in American constitutional democracy

### **Standards for Geography (PreK – Grade 12)**

107. Understands the characteristics and uses of maps, globes and other geographic tools and technologies
108. Knows the location of places, geographic features and patterns of the environment
109. Understands the characteristics and uses of spatial organization of Earth’s surface
110. Understands the physical and human characteristics of place
111. Understands the concept of regions
112. Understands that culture and experience influence people’s perceptions of places and regions
113. Knows the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth’s surface
114. Understands the characteristics of ecosystems on Earth’s surface
115. Understands the nature, distribution and migration of human populations on Earth’s surface
116. Understands the nature and complexity of Earth’s cultural mosaics
117. Understands the patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth’s surface
118. Understands the patterns of human settlement and their causes
119. Understands the forces of cooperation and conflict that shape the divisions of Earth’s surface
120. Understands how human actions modify the physical environment

- 121. Understands how physical systems affect human systems
- 122. Understands the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution and importance of resources
- 123. Understands how geography is used to interpret the past
- 124. Understands global development and environmental issues