

**Chapter 113. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies**

**Subchapter B. Middle School**

**§113.18. Social Studies, Grade 6, Adopted 2022 [2018] .**

basic democratic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).

- (6) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.
- (7) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
  - (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.
  - (B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these

- (4) Geography. The student understands how geographic factors influence the economic development and political relationships of societies. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the geographic factors responsible for the location of economic activities in places and regions; and
  - (B) identify geographic factors such as location, physical features, transportation corridors and barriers, and distribution of natural resources that influence a society's political relationships.
- (5) Geography. The student understands the impact of interactions between people and the physical environment on the development and conditions of places and regions. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe ways people have been impacted by physical processes such as earthquakes and climate;
  - (B) identify and analyze ways people have adapted to the physical environment in various places and regions; and
  - (C) identify and analyze ways people have modified the physical environment such as mining, irrigation, and transportation infrastructure.
- (6) Economics. The student understands the factors of production in a society's economy. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe ways in which the factors of production (natural resources, labor, capital, and entrepreneurs) influence the economies of various contemporary societies;
  - (B) identify problems that may arise when one or more of the factors of production is in relatively short supply; and
  - (C) explain the impact of the distribution of resources on international trade and economic interdependence among and within societies.
- (7) Economics. The student understands the various ways in which people organize economic systems. The student is expected to:
- (A) compare ways in which various societies organize the production and distribution of goods and services;
  - (B) compare and contrast free enterprise, socialist, and communist economies in various contemporary societies, including the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system; and
  - (C) understand the importance of ethics in maintaining a functional free enterprise system.
- (8) Economics. The student understands categories of economic activities and the data used to measure a society's economic level. The student is expected to:
- (A) define and give examples of agricultural, retail, manufacturing (goods), and service industries; and
  - (B) describe levels of economic development of various societies using indicators such as life expectancy, gross domestic product (GDP), GDP per capita, and literacy.
- (9) Government. The student understands the concepts of limited and unlimited governments. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe and compare examples of limited and unlimited governments such as constitutional (limited) and totalitarian (unlimited);
  - (B) identify reasons for (ng ()1.7 (g)12 (oodst7.1 (tio) (unl)6.9 (i)6.9 (m)0.9 (i)6 (oc)4.2 (i)6.b.5 (i)h9 (a)4.2 a) c

- (10) Government. The student understands various ways in which people organize governments. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and give examples of governments with rule by one, few, or many;
  - (B) compare ways in which various societies such as China, Germany, India, and Russia organize government and how they function; and
  - (C) identify historical origins of democratic forms of government such as Ancient Greece.
- (11) Citizenship. The student understands that the nature of citizenship varies among societies. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe and compare roles and responsibilities of citizens in various contemporary societies, including the United States; and
  - (B) explain how opportunities for citizens to participate in and influence the political process vary among various contemporary societies.
- (12) Citizenship. The student understands the relationship among individual rights, responsibilities, duties, and freedoms in societies with representative governments. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and explain the duty of civic participation in societies with representative governments; and
  - (B) explain relationships among rights, responsibilities, and duties in societies with representative governments.
- (13) Culture. The student understands the similarities and differences within and among cultures in various world societies. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and describe common traits that define cultures and culture regions;
  - (B) define a multicultural society;
  - (C) analyze the experiences and contributions of diverse groups to multicultural societies; and
  - (D) identify and explain examples of conflict and cooperation between and among cultures.
- (14) Culture. The student understands that all societies have basic institutions in common even though the characteristics of these institutions may differ. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify institutions basic to all societies, including government, economic, educational, and religious institutions;
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- (B) describe ways in which contemporary issues influence creative expressions; and
  - (C) identify examples of art, music, and literature that convey universal themes such as religion, justice, and the passage of time.
- (17) Culture. The student understands the relationships among religion, philosophy, and culture. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the relationship among religious ideas, philosophical ideas, and cultures; and
  - (B) explain the significance of religious holidays and observances such as Christmas, Easter, Ramadan, the annual hajj, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, Diwali, and Vaisakhi in various contemporary societies.
- (18) Science, technology, and society. The student understands the influences of science and technology on contemporary societies. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify examples of scientific discoveries, technological innovations, and scientists and inventors that have shaped the world;
  - (B) explain how resources, economic factors, and political decisions affect the use of technology; and
  - (C) make predictions about future social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental impacts that may result from future scientific discoveries and technological innovations.
- (19) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including technology. The student is expected to:
- (A) differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as oral, print, and visual material and artifacts to acquire information about various world cultures;
  - (B) analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions;
  - (C) organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps; [and]
  - (D) identify different points of view about an issue or current topic ; [ ]
  - (E) formulate and communicate visually, orally, or in writing a claim supported by evidence and reasoning related to a social studies topic; and
  - (F) evaluate a variety of historical and contemporary sources for validity, credibility, bias, and accuracy.
- (20) Social studies skills. The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. The student is expected to:
- (A) answer geographic questions, including: Where is it located? Why is it there? What is significant about its location? How is its location related to the location of other people, places, and environments? Using latitude and longitude, where is it located?;
  - (B) pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns for various world regions and countries shown on maps, graphs, and charts;
  - (C) compare various world regions and countries using data from maps, graphs, and charts; and
  - (D) create and interpret regional sketch maps, thematic maps, graphs, and charts depicting aspects such as population, disease, and economic activities of various world regions and countries.

(21) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:

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distribution of population within and among the regions and explain the factors that caused Texas to change from an agrarian to an urban society. Students describe the structure and functions of municipal, county, and state governments, explain the influence of the U.S. Constitution on the Texas Constitution, and examine the rights and responsibilities of Texas citizens. Students use primary and secondary sources to examine the rich and diverse cultural background of Texas as they identify the different racial and ethnic groups that settled in Texas to build a republic and then a state. Students analyze the impact of

- (8) Students discuss how and whether the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have achieved the ideals espoused in the founding documents.

(c) ~~(b)~~ Knowledge and skills.

- (1) History. The student understands traditional historical points of reference in Texas history. The student is expected to:





(4) History. The student understands how individuals, events, and issues shaped the history of the






(D) evaluate the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on the use of resources such as fossil fuels, water, and land; and

(E) analyze how scientific discoveries and technological innovations have resulted in an interdependence among Texas, the United States, and the world.

(20) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-



(B)  use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

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integrated social studies content from the various disciplines and critical-thinking skills are taught together. Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.

(4) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.

(5) Throughout social studies in Kindergarten-Grade 12, students build a foundation in history; geography; economics; government; citizenship; culture; science, technology, and society; and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enter4 (r)-2.;ee et.8 ( o)5 (f4 (e)-2.8 (r)-2.:( t)6.9 (he)4.2 7

- (A) identify reasons for English, Spanish, and French exploration and colonization of North America; and
- (B) compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies.

(3) History. The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during



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(C) analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms,



- (B) describe the impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments.
- (17) Government. The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason, and explain how their debates exemplify civil discourse ; and
  - (B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War.
- (18) Government. The student understands the impact of landmark Supreme Court cases. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the origin of judicial review;
  - (B) summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases,

- (A) identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration;
  - (B) explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs;
  - (C) identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed;
  - (D) analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity; and
  - (E) identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society.
- (24) Culture. The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe and evaluate the historical development of the abolition [abolitionist] movement .including activities that focused attention on the moral ills of slavery ;
  - (B) evaluate the impact of reform movements, including educational reform, temperance, the women's rights movement, prison reform, the labor reform movement, and care of the disabled.
- (25) Culture. The student understands the impact of religion on the American way of life. The student is expected to:
- (A) trace the development of religious freedom in the United States;
  - (B) describe religious influences on social movements, including the impact of the first and second Great Awakenings; and
  - (C) analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life.
- (26) Culture. The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras such as the Hudson River School artists, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and transcendental literature; and
  - (B) analyze the relationship between the arts and continuity and change in the American way of life.
- (27) Science, technology, and society. The student understands the impact of science and technology on the economic development of the United States. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, the telegraph, and interchangeable parts;
  - (B) analyze how technological innovations changed the way goods were manufactured and distributed, nationally and internationally; and
  - (C) analyze how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as the development of the factory system and the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad.
- (28) Science, technology, and society. The student understands the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on daily life in the United States. The student is expected to:
- (A) compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history; and
  - (B) identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the United States.

(29) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including technology. The student is expected to:

(A) differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about the United States;

(B) analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions;

(C) organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps;

(D) identify bias and points of view created by the historical context surrounding an event;

(E) support a point of view on a social studies issue or event;

