

Social Studies

Things You Should Know From:

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As you prepare for the state competition, simple reminders are in order, and the following information should prove helpful. The State meet is a truly exciting event and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Prior to the Meet:

- Review material associated with test including book and the additional resources used for the contest.
- Practice as much as possible including time on essay preparation, as this is an essential part of the contest.
- Bring a pen or pencil and we will provide the essay paper and an answer sheet.

The Contest:

- The contest is in **San Jac Multipurpose Room (SJH 207)** on **Saturday, May 4, at 12 pm**. Plan ahead and arrive early.
- Coaches are needed to grade, so please sign in when you arrive.
- It is critical that you write your contestant number on everything turned in, and to double check to be certain it is correct. Please do not leave the contest room until your number has been verified with contest officials.
- Seating will be arranged in the contest room and teammates will not be allowed to sit together.
- Do not bring electronic devices into the testing room such as iPods, cellphones, laptop computers, etc.
- Alternates will be released after each conference roll call has been completed.
- All contestants will be presented a state meet certificate of participation. Check the spelling and if there is an error let us know so that a corrected certificate can be prepared.

During the Contest:

- Once the contest begins, coaches are invited to participate in an audit of the test. Any challenges regarding test questions must be presented prior to the start of grading.
- Coaches will be grading and ask to report back to the testing room when the contest time has expired.

Post-Contest:

- Coaches agreeing to grade will be assigned to conferences other than their own.
- Once again, any challenges regarding test questions will be addressed prior to the start of grading.

Verification:

- Verification of scoring, followed by the awards ceremony, is **tentatively scheduled** for **Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 PM in UTC 2.102A**.
- Verification is for scoring only; not challenges related to questions, as this has been done prior to the start of grading.

Awards:

- Contestants placing sixth through first will be called forward and medals will be presented. The coach of the individual gold medalist will also receive the UIL coach's pin.
- The second-place team in each conference will be called forward. Team members will receive medals.
- The first-place team and coach will then be called and all team members will receive medals. The coach will receive the school plaque and a UIL coach's pin.
- All individual and team gold medalists will be asked to remain for UIL state champion photos.

Congratulations on advancing to State!