



# A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY OUTLINE 2017-18

## GRADES 5-6

### Contest Topics:

#### **United States (approx. 60% of test)**

- The American Revolution
  - Events leading up to the Revolution
    - Causes and effects
  - Key Revolutionary War events and battles
  - Important historical figures
  - Primary Sources & Reading Selections  
*(approximately 8 questions each test)*
- Concepts in Government
  - Government systems of early European colonists
  - Representative government in the American colonies
  - Basic functions of the three branches of the U.S. government; checks and balances
- Concepts in Economics
  - Major industries of colonial America
  - Development of the free enterprise system in colonial America and the U.S.

#### **World (25-30% of test)**

- Concepts in Economics
  - Compare and contrast different types of economic systems
  - Definitions and examples of different types of industries (agricultural, retail, service, etc.)
- Concepts in Government
  - Examples and comparisons of limited and unlimited government
- Concepts in Culture
  - Comparison of basic institutions in different contemporary societies

#### **Texas (10-15% of test)**

- Concepts in History- the Texas Revolution
  - Causes and effects
  - Major events and important historical figures

### Primary Sources

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

- **Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking up Arms (July 6, 1775)**
- **The Declaration of Independence**
- **“Paul Revere’s Ride” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

### Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- The National Archives  
[www.archives.gov/education](http://www.archives.gov/education)
- The Library of Congress  
[www.loc.gov/teachers](http://www.loc.gov/teachers)
- Bartleby.com  
[www.bartleby.com/42/789.html](http://www.bartleby.com/42/789.html)  
*(the text of “Paul Revere’s Ride”)*
- Digital History  
[www.digitalhistory.uh.edu](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu)
- The Avalon Project  
[avalon.law.yale.edu](http://avalon.law.yale.edu)
- History.com  
[www.history.com/topics/american-revolution](http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution)
- Teacher Oz’s Kingdom of History  
[www.teacheroz.com](http://www.teacheroz.com)