



A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY OUTLINE 2017-18

GRADES 7-8

Contest Topics:

Texas (approx. 60% of test)

- The Texas Revolution
 - Factors leading to the Texas Revolution
 - Key battles and events
 - Important historical figures
 - Establishment of the Republic of Texas
 - Primary sources
(approximately 8 questions each test)
- Concepts in Government
 - Basic principles of the Texas Constitution
 - Structure, funding and governance of Texas public education
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Civic responsibilities and participation
 - Contributions of Texas leaders

United States (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in History - the American Revolution
 - Causes and effects
 - Key Revolutionary War events and battles
 - Important historical figures
- Concepts in Government
 - Influence of historic documents on the U.S. system of government
 - Grievances listed in the American Declaration of Independence
- Concepts in Economics
 - Development of free enterprise in the colonies and early U.S.

World (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in Government
 - Historical origins of democratic forms of government
 - Examples and comparisons of limited and unlimited government
- Concepts in Economics
 - Compare and contrast different types of economic systems

Primary & Supplemental Sources

The documents listed are available from online sources as indicated under Recommended Resources. Some are also available from other online sources.

- **Texas Declaration of Indendence**
- **From Virginia to Texas, 1835: Diary of Col. Wm. F. Gray**
 - test items will cover entries from March 14, 1836- March 17, 1836
 - transcript available through the Rice University Digital Scholarship Archive- see link below
- **The Treaties of Velasco**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- Texas State Library and Archives Commission (*see "Texas 175" online exhibit*)
www.tsl.state.tx.us/exhibits/texas175/index.html
- Rice University Digital Scholarship Archive (*includes diary of Col. Wm. F. Gray*)
<https://scholarship.rice.edu/>
- The Handbook of Texas Online
www.tshaonline.org/handbook
- Portal to Texas History
texashistory.unt.edu
- Digital History
www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
- Teacher Oz's Kingdom of History
www.teacheroz.com