

A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST **STUDY OUTLINE 2015-2016**

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- Concepts in History
 - Important issues, events and people of the the 20th century, with emphasis on the following:
 - The Great Depression
 - World War II
 - In Focus: important speeches from the Depression and WWII
(approximately 8 questions each test)
- Concepts in Geography
 - Factors influencing patterns of settlement, population distribution and location of cities
 - Ways that Americans have adapted to and modified their environment
- Concepts in Economics
 - Ways that geographic factors influence the location of economic activities
 - Effects of supply and demand on consumers and businesses

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in Geography
 - Impacts of geographic factors on economic development
 - Geographic factors that affect a society's ability to control territory
- Concepts in Economics
 - Influences of factors of production
 - Impacts of relative scarcity of resources

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in Economics
 - Interdependence among Texas, the US and the world
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Important customs, symbols and celebrations
 - Current leaders in state government

In Focus: Important Speeches

The speeches listed are available online from numerous sources, including text and audio. Refer to the links under Recommended Resources.

Focus on major themes and key passages.

- **President Franklin Roosevelt's First Inaugural Address on March 3, 1933**
("The only thing we have to fear...")
- **Winston Churchill's speech to the House of Commons on June 4, 1940**
("We shall fight on the beaches...")
- **General Dwight Eisenhower's Order of the Day on June 6, 1944 (D-Day)**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- The Miller Center American President Reference Resource (speech archive)
millercenter.org/president
- The Churchill Centre
www.winstonchurchill.org
- Eisenhower Presidential Library
www.eisenhower.archives.gov
- America's Story (Library of Congress)
www.americaslibrary.gov
- History Channel Online
history.com/topics
- Social Studies for Kids
www.socialstudiesforkids.com