

2024-2025 Reading List

Social Studies

TOPIC: The Rise of Factionalism, Partisanship, and the “Vices of Democracy” in the early United States (1795-1850)

**SOCIAL
STUDIES
CONTEST**

PRIMARY READING SELECTION

A Magnificent Catastrophe: The Tumultuous Election of 1800, America’s First Presidential Campaign by Edward J. Larson ◊ ISBN: 9780743293174

The Social Studies Contest consists of 45 objective questions and an essay. Students are expected to master primary reading selections, as well as specific documents, and to be familiar with general-knowledge Social Studies concepts and terms. Each year, the contest focuses on a different topic area and a reading list that is provided by UIL.

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