

Social Studies

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

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST

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.

PRIMARY READING SELECTION

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

Free Press, (2007) ♦ ISBN: 9780743293174 Available from Texas Educational Paperbacks, Inc ♦ 800-443-2078 www.tepbooks.com List price: \$21.99, TEP UIL price: \$16.49 plus shipping, Also available from most online book sellers.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING MATERIAL

Court Cases

- *United States v. Thomas Cooper* (1800)
- *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
- *Fletcher v. Peck* (1810)
- *Martin v. Hunter's Lessee* (1816)
- *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819)
- *Cohens v. Virginia* (1821)
- *Worcester v. Georgia* (1832)
- *Prigg v. Pennsylvania* (1842)

Primary Sources and other Documents

- “Farewell Address,” George Washington (1796)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/a-new-nation/george-washington-farewell-address-1796/>
- Washington and the Republicans (1798)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=188
- Letter from Thomas Jefferson to John Taylor (1798)
<https://teachingamericanhistory.org/document/letter-to-john-taylor-2/#:~:text=A%20little%20patience%2C%20a%20nd%20owe,government%20to%20it%27s%20true%20principls.>
- Washington on Political Partisanship (1799)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=189
- “Jefferson’s First Inaugural Address” (1801)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=4037
- John Quincy Adams on Slavery in the Early Republic (1804)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=215
- The Hamilton-Burr Duel (1804)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=1071
- “Message to Congress on the Burr Conspiracy,” Thomas Jefferson (1807)
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/message-to-congress-the-burr-conspiracy>

- James Buchanan on the Presidential Election (1840)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=324
- The Liberty Party (1840)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=375
- “Address to the Slaves,” Henry Highland Garnet (1843)
<https://iubiloemancipationcentury.wordpress.com/2012/03/13/henry-highland-garnets-call-to-rebellion-rather-die-freemen-than-live-to-be-slaves-let-your-motto-be-resistance/#more-3304>
- “Address Delivered at Seneca Falls,” Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1848)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=382
- The Free Soil Party (1848)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=317
- “Seneca Falls Declaration,” Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1848)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=3&psid=1087

Presidential Vetoes & Messages

- James Madison: #1 (1811), #5 (1815), #7 (1817)
- James Monroe: #1 (1822)
- Andrew Jackson: #2 (1830), #5 (1832)
- John Tyler: #1 (1841), #2 (1841), #8 (1844)
- James Polk: #2 (1846)

Presidential Elections

- 1800
- 1824
- 1828
- 1844

- Amendments to the Constitution Proposed by the Hartford Convention (1814)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/10th_century/hartconv.asp
- *Niles Weekly Register* on Politics of the War of 1812 (1815)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=251
- James Madison Asks Congress to Support Internal Improvements (1815)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/the-market-revolution/james-madison-asks-congress-to-support-internal-improvements-1815/>
- Thomas Jefferson letter to John Holmes (1820)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/missouri-controversy-documents-1819-1920/>
- James Madison's Note to His Speech on the Right of Suffrage (1821)
<https://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch16s26.html>
- "The Rise of the Second Party System," Henry Clay (1823)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=321
- Increasing Restrictions on African Americans (1824)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=162
- John Quincy Adams Calls for a Vigorous Role for Government (1824)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=332
- Anonymous letter to the *Columbian Observer*, (1825)
<https://elektratig.blogspot.com/2010/05/corrupt-bargain-opening-volley.html>
- Thomas R. Dew on the Virginia Legislative Debate following Nat Turner's Insurrection (1832)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=370
- South Carolina Ordinance of Nullification (1832)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/10th_century/ordnull.asp
- Jackson's Proclamation Regarding Nullification, (1832)
https://avalon.law.yale.edu/10th_century/jackor.asp
- "The Constitution is not a Compact," Daniel Webster (1833)
<https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/daniel-webster-the-constitution-is-not-a-compact-1833>
- "An Address to the People of Rhode Island," Thomas Dorr (1834)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=387
- "Foreign Conspiracy Against the Liberties of the United States," Samuel Morse (1835)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/samuel-morse-fears-a-catholic-conspiracy-1835/>
- "From Antislavery to Women's Rights," Angelina Grimké (1838)
https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smfID=3&psid=304
- Black Philadelphians Defend their Voting Rights (1838)
<https://www.americanyawp.com/reader/democracy-in-america/black-philadelphians-defend-their-voting-rights-1838/>
- "The Rights of Colored Men," William Yates (1838)
<https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/william-yates-the-rights-of-colored-men-1838>

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.britannica.com/encyclopedia.com>
<https://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>
<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-ushistory10s2xmaster/>
<https://earlyushistory.net/>
<https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches>
<https://supreme.justia.com/>
<https://www.americanyawp.com/index.html>
<https://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>
<https://www.history.com/>
<https://www.infoplease.com/>
<https://www.loc.gov/>
<https://www.oyez.org/>
<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>
<https://www.ushistory.org/us/index.asp>
[senate.gov](https://www.senate.gov)

USEFUL ADDITIONAL READINGS:

America Afire, Bernard A. Weisberger
America's First Great Depression, Alasdair Roberts
The Bank War and the Partisan Press, Stephen W. Campbell
John C. Calhoun, John Niven
Henry Clay, Robert V. Remini
Daniel Webster, Robert V. Remini
The Field of Blood, Joanne B. Freeman
Founding Partisans, H.W. Brands
Heirs of the Founders, H.W. Brands
The Lost Founding Father, William J. Cooper
The Many Panics of 1837, Jessica M. Lepler
The One-Party Presidential Contest, Donald Ratcliffe
The Rise of American Democracy, Sean Wilentz

KEY TERMS - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Individuals

Adams, Abigail
Adams, Charles Francis
Adams, John
Adams, John Quincy
Ames, Fisher
Austin, Benjamin
Bache, Benjamin Franklin
Bailey, Gamaliel
Banneker, Benjamin
Barbour, Phillip
Barry, William T.
Bayard, James
Beecher, Lyman
Bell, John
Benton, Thomas Hart
Berrien, John M.
Biddle, Nicholas
Birney, James G.
Blair, Francis Preston
Bonaparte, Napoleon
Burr, Aaron
Calhoun, John C.
Carroll, William
Cass, Lewis
Chase, Samuel
Clay, Henry
Clinton, DeWitt
Clinton, George
Crawford, William
Douglas, Stephen
Douglass, Frederick
Duane, William
Earle, Thomas
Eaton, John
Eaton, Margaret O'Neale Timberlake
Evans, George Henry
Fenno, John
Floyd, John
Freneau, Phillip
Gallatin, Albert
Garrison, William Lloyd
Genêt, Edmond-Charles
Gerry, Elbridge
Girard, Stephen
Green, Duff
Grimké, Angelina
Hamilton, Alexander
Ingersoll, Jared
Jackson, Andrew
Jay, John
Jefferson, Thomas
Johnson, Richard Mentor
Kendall, Amos
Kent, James
King, Rufus
Lewis, William Berkeley
Macon, Nathaniel
Madison, Dolley
Madison, James
Marcy, William
Marshall, John
McDuffie, George
McLane, Louis
Minkins, Shadrach
Monroe, James
Moore, Ely
Morgan, William
Mott, Lucretia
Pickering, Timothy
Pinckney, Charles (cousin to Charles Cotesworth)
Pinckney, Charles Cotesworth
Pinckney, Thomas
Polk, James K.
Polk, Sarah
Randolph, John
Shields, James
Simpson, Stephen
Skidmore, Thomas
Smith, Margaret Bayard
Smith, William
Stanton, Elizadeth Cady
Story, Joseph
Tallmadge, James
Taney, Roger B.
Tappan, Lewis
Taylor, John (of Caroline)
Taylor, John W.
Tocqueville, Alexis de
Turner, Nat
Tyler, John
Van Buren, Martin
Van Rensselaer, Stephen
Vesey, Denmark
Walker, David
Washington, George
Webster, Daniel
Weed, Thurlow
White, Hugh Lawson
Wirt, William
Woodbury, Levi
Wright, Frances
Wright, Silas

Related Terms

1842 Apportionment Act
“dark horse”
“hard cider campaign”
“kitchen cabinet”
“Our Federal Union, it must be preserved.”
“Rather be right than president”
“Seventh of March Speech”
“tyranny of the majority”
abolition movement
A.B. Plot
Adams cabinet purge
Address of Southern Delegates to Constituents
Age of Reason by Thomas Paine
Albany Regency
Alien and Sedition Acts
American Anti-Slavery Society
American Colonization Society
American System
American Temperance Society
American Toleration and Reform Ticket
Amistad Affair
Anti-Jackson Party
Anti-Masonic Party
Argus of Western America
Assumption Plan
Aurora General Advertiser
Bank Veto
Bank War
Bluffton Movement
Boston Brahmins
Bucktail Republicans
Buffalo Anti-Slavery meeting
Burr Conspiracy/Trial
Chesapeake-Leopard affair
Clay statement on Texas Annexation
come-outer
Committee of Fifteen (1819)
compact theory
Compromise of 1850
Conscience Whigs
corrupt bargain
Cotton Whigs
Deism
democracy
Democratic Party Convention of 1832
Democratic Party Convention of 1844
Democratic-Republican Societies
Dorr Rebellion
doughface
Era of Good Feelings
Erie Canal
electoral college
Essex Junto
federal debt
federalism
Federalists
Federalists Paper No. 10
First Bank of the United States
First Party System
Force Bill
Free Soil Party
French Revolution
Fries’ Rebellion
Gabriel’s Rebellion
gag rule
Gazette of the United States
General Survey Act
German Republican Society
Graves-Cilley duel
Griswold and Lyon fight
Hammett Letter
Hartford Convention
Henry Papers/ Henry-Craig Plot
High Federalists
Independent Treasury
Independent Treasury Act (1840)
Indian Removal Act/Process
Inquiry into the Principles and Policy of the Government of the United States by John Taylor
internal improvements
Jackson assassination attempt by Richard Lawrence
Jackson-Benton duel
Jacksonian Democracy
Jay Treaty
Jeffersonian Republicans
Judiciary Act of 1801
Kentucky Resolution
Know Nothing Party
The Liberator
Locofocos Party
Louisiana Purchase constitutionality debate
Missouri Compromise
Monroe Tour of New England (1817)
Nashville Convention
Nat Turner Insurrection
National Gazette
National Intelligencer
National Republican Convention 1831

National Republicans
National Road
Necessary and Proper Clause
nullification
Nullifier Party
Old Republicans
Order of the Star-Spangled Banner
Panic of 1819
Panic of 1837
party caucuses
Pakenham Letter
Petticoat Affair
pocket veto
popular sovereignty
property qualifications
Richmond Junto
rotation of office
Second Bank of the United States
Second Great Awakening
Second Party System
sectionalism
South Carolina Exposition and Protest
Southern Fire eaters
specie
Specie Circular
spoils system
Steerage Act of 1819
suffrage
Talmadge amendment
Tammany Hall/Society
Tariff of 1828
Tertium Quids
Texas Annexation
Three-fifths Compromise
Treaty of New Echota
Twelfth Amendment
Tyler Democratic Party
veto
veto override
Vice-President election (1836)
Virginia Dynasty
Virginia Resolution
War Hawks
War of 1812
Whigs
Wilmot Proviso
women's suffrage movement
Working Men's Party
XYZ Affair