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.

2020-2021 Reading List

Social Studies

TOPIC: American Empire: Expansion, Imperialism, and Intervention

PRIMARY READING SELECTION

Honor in the Dust: Theodore Roosevelt, War in the Philippines, and the Rise and Fall of America’s Imperial Dream, by Gregg Jones
Available from Texas Educational Paperbacks, Inc 800-443-2078 www.tepbooks.com
List price: $16.00, TEP UIL price: $10.40 plus shipping
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SUPPLEMENTAL READING MATERIAL

Treaties
- Louisiana Purchase Treaty (1803)
- The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, 1850
- Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty, 1903
- Oregon Treaty 1846
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)
- Alaskan Purchase Treaty 1867
- Treaty of Paris 1898

Supreme Court Cases
- Cherokee v. Georgia, 1831
- Worcester v. Georgia, 1832
- DeLima v. Bidwell, 1901
- Downes v. Bidwell, 1901
- Gonzales v. Williams, 1904
- Balzac v. Porto Rico, 1922

Presidential Messages and Speeches
- Jefferson’s Secret Message to Congress Regarding the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1803)
- Monroe Doctrine (1823)
- President Andrew Jackson’s Message to Congress ‘On Indian Removal’ (1830)
- Special Message to Congress on Mexican Relations - James K. Polk, 1846
- McKinley War Message to Congress, 1898
- “The Strenuous Life,” Theodore Roosevelt, 1899
- William McKinley on American Expansionism, 1903
- Theodore Roosevelt’s Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine, 1905

Legislation
- Article 4 Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution
- Northwest Ordinances - 1784, 1785, 1787
- Missouri Compromise (1820)
- Compromise of 1850 (1850)
- Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)
- Homestead Act, 1862
- Dawes Act (1887)
- Joint Resolution to Provide for Annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States (1898)
Primary Sources, and other writings

- “My Husband Was Seized With the Mania,” Harriet L. Noble, 1824
- Circular Addressed to Benevolent Ladies of the U.S., Catherine Beecher, 1829
- “Our Hearts are Sickened”, Chief John Ross, 1836
- “Annexation,” John L. O'Sullivan, 1845
- Speech on the Mexican War, Andrew Kennedy, 1846
- “More Like A Pig Than a Bear,” Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, 1846
- “For Oregon!” Settlers From Illinois Describe the New Territory, 1847
- The Ostend Manifesto, James Buchanan, 1854
- William T. Hornady on the Extermination of the American Bison, 1889
- Influence of Sea Power, Alfred Thayer Mahan, 1890
- Ballad to a Massacre: The Indian Ghost Dance and War, W.H. Prather, 1890
- A Plea for Annexation, John Stevens, 1893
- The Hawaiian Situation: Our Present Duty, William M. Springer, 1893
- The Hawaiian Situation: The Invasion of Hawaii, Eugene Tyler Chamberlain, 1893
- “Significance of the Frontier in American History”, Frederick Jackson Turner, 1893
- “The March of the Flag, Albert Beveridge, 1898
- De Lôme Letter, 1898
- The Lust of Empire, George Hoar, 1900
- To the Person Sitting in Darkness, Mark Twain, 1901
- “Avoid the Use of the Word Intervention”: Wilson and Lansing on the U.S. Invasion of Mexico, 1916
- “To Abolish the Monroe Doctrine”: Proclamation from Augusto César Sandino, 1933

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49ers
49th parallel
Adams-Onis Treaty
American buffalo/bison
American exceptionalism
American Fur Company
Anglo-Saxonism
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Annexation of Santo Domingo (1869)
Anti-Imperialist League
Apology Resolution (1993)
Army of the West
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