



A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY GUIDE 2019-2020

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- The Colonial Period
 - Nations and groups - reasons for exploration and colonization
 - Major settlements
 - Significant colonial leaders
 - Important dates and time periods
 - Primary source documents (approximately 8 questions)
- Concepts in Economics
 - Major industries of colonial America
 - Economic patterns of European colonists
 - Development of free enterprise in the colonies
- Concepts in Government & Citizenship
 - Representative government in the colonies
 - Identification of current national leaders

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in Economics
 - Influences of factors of production
 - Benefits of free enterprise in the U.S. compared to other systems
- Concepts in Government & Citizenship
 - Limited vs. unlimited government
 - Characteristics of societies with representative governments

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in History
 - Motivations for European exploration and settlement
 - Identification of significant explorers
- Concepts in Government & Citizenship
 - Characteristics and influences of Spanish colonial government
 - Origins and significance of state celebrations

Primary Source Documents

The documents listed are available online from numerous sources. Refer to the links under Recommended Resources.

- **Instructions for the Virginia Colony - 1606**
- **The Mayflower Compact - 1620**
- **Charter of Massachusetts Bay - 1629**
(functions and key provisions)

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- Digital History
www.digitalhistory.uh.edu
- The Avalon Project
avalon.law.yale.edu
- America's Story (Library of Congress)
www.americaslibrary.gov
- History.com
www.history.com/topics/thirteen-colonies
- Social Studies for Kids
www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/colonialtimes.htm
- Teacher Oz's Kingdom of History
www.teacheroz.com/toc.htm