Contest Topics:

**United States (approx. 60% of test)**
- Concepts in History
  - Important issues, events and people of 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 political relationships
- 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

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### 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)**

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### 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