



# A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY OUTLINE 2020-2021

## GRADES 5-6

### **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

### **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)

### **Recommended Resources**

- Your classroom textbook
- The Miller Center American President Reference Resource (speech archive)  
[millercenter.org/president](http://millercenter.org/president)
- The Churchill Centre  
[www.winstonchurchill.org](http://www.winstonchurchill.org)
- Eisenhower Presidential Library  
[www.eisenhower.archives.gov](http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov)
- America's Story (Library of Congress)  
[www.americaslibrary.gov](http://www.americaslibrary.gov)
- History Channel Online  
[history.com/topics](http://history.com/topics)
- Social Studies for Kids  
[www.socialstudiesforkids.com](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com)