



Alignment Document

State of Texas (TAKS) And Aventa Learning Geography

Geography 2005-2007 Benchmark Blueprint

State Standard Number	State Standard Area / Description	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
1	The student will demonstrate an understanding of issues and events in U.S. history.		
0	History.		
1.8.1	The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877.		
1.8.1.C	explain the significance of the following dates: [1607,] 1776, 1787, [1803,] and 1861-1865.		
1.8.4	The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary era.		
1.8.4.B	explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Revolution, including [Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, King George III,] Thomas Jefferson, [the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine,] and George Washington;		
1.8.4.C	explain the issues surrounding [important events of] the American Revolution, including declaring independence; [writing] the Articles of Confederation; fighting the battles of Lexington, Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; and signing the Treaty of Paris].		
0	Government.		
1.8.16	The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and other important historic documents.		
1.8.16.C	identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence and explain how those grievances were addressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.		



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2	The student will demonstrate an understanding of geographic influences on historical issues and events.		
0	Geography		
2.8.10	The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data.		
2.8.10.B	[pose and] answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, charts, [models, and databases].		Covered throughout the course
2.WG6	The student understands the types and patterns of settlement, the factors that affect where people settle, and processes of settlement development over time.		
2.WG6.A	[locate settlements and] observe patterns in the size and distribution of cities using maps, graphics, and other information.		Covered throughout the course
2.WH12	The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major historic events.		
2.WH12.C	interpret historical [and contemporary] maps to identify and explain geographic factors [such as control of the Straits of Hormuz] that have influenced people and events in the past.	Origins and Evolution	Evolution
		Central America	Mexico
		Africa	West Africa
0	History.		
2.WG1	The student understands how geographic contexts (the geography of places in the past) and processes of spatial exchange (diffusion) influenced events in the past and helped to shape the present.		
2.WG1.A	analyze the effects of physical and human geographic patterns and processes on events in the past and describe their effects on present conditions, including significant physical features and environmental conditions that influenced migration patterns in the past and shaped the distribution of culture groups today	North America	Mountain West
		North America	South
2.WG1.B	trace the spatial diffusion of a phenomenon and describe its effects on regions of contact such as the spread of bubonic plague, the diffusion and exchange of foods between the New and Old Worlds, [or the diffusion of American slang].		
0	Science, technology, and society.		



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2.WH23	The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations have affected societies throughout history.		
2.WH23.A	give examples of [major mathematical and scientific discoveries and] technological innovations that occurred at different periods in history and describe the changes produced by these discoveries and innovations.		Covered throughout the course
3	The student will demonstrate an understanding of economic and social influences on historical issues and events.		
0	Geography.		
3.WG5	The student understands how political, economic, and social processes shape cultural patterns and characteristics in various places and regions.		
3.WG5.B	analyze political, economic, social, and demographic data to determine the level of development and standard of living in nations.		Covered throughout the course
0	Economics.		
3.WG10	The student understands the distribution and characteristics of economic systems throughout the world.		
3.WG10.C	compare the ways people satisfy their basic needs through the production of goods and services such as subsistence agriculture versus market-oriented agriculture or cottage industries versus commercial industries.		Covered throughout the course
0	Culture.		
3.WG18	The student understands the ways in which cultures change and maintain continuity.		
3.WG18.A	describe the impact of general processes such as migration, war, trade, independent inventions, and diffusion of ideas and motivations on cultural change.		Covered throughout the course
4	The student will demonstrate an understanding of political influences on historical issues and events.		
0	History.		
4.8.3	The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States.		
4.8.3.A	explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period.		
0	Government.		



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4.8.16	The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and other important historic documents.		
4.8.16.A	identify the influence of ideas from historic documents including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, [the Mayflower Compact,] the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, [and selected anti-federalist writings] on the U.S. system of government;		
4.8.16.D	analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights.		
4.8.17	The student understands the process of changing the U.S. Constitution and the impact of amendments on American society. The		
4.8.17.B	describe the impact of 19th-century amendments including the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments on life in the United States.		
4.8.18	The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system.		
4.8.18.B	describe historical conflicts arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War.		
0	Citizenship.		
4.8.20	The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States.		
4.8.20.A	define and give examples of unalienable rights;		
4.8.20.B	summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.		
4.8.22	The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a democratic society.		
4.8.22.B	describe the importance of free speech and press in a democratic society.		
5	The student will use critical thinking skills to analyze social studies information.		
0	Social studies skills.		
5.8.30	The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.		
5.8.30.A	[differentiate between, locate, and] use primary and secondary sources [such as computer software, databases, media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts] to acquire information about the United States;		Covered throughout the course



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5.8.30.D	identify points of view from the historical context surrounding an event and the frame of reference which influenced the participants;		
5.8.30.F	identify bias in written, [oral,] and visual material.		
5.WG21	The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.		
5.WG21.C	[construct and] interpret maps to answer geographic questions, infer geographic relationships, and analyze geographic change.		Covered throughout the course
5.WH25	The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.		
5.WH25.C	analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations [and predictions,] and drawing inferences and conclusions.		Covered throughout the course
5.WH26	The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms.		
5.WH26.C	interpret [and create databases, research outlines, bibliographies, and] visuals including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps.		
0	Geography.		
5.WG8	The student understands how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent.		
5.WG8.B	compare ways that humans depend on, adapt to, and modify the physical environment using [local,] state, national, and international human activities in a variety of cultural and technological contexts.		Covered throughout the course
1	The student will demonstrate an understanding of issues and events in U.S. history.		
0	History.		
1.8.1	The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877.		
1.8.1.C	explain the significance of the following dates: [1607,] 1776, 1787, [1803,] and 1861-1865.		
1.8.4	The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary era.		
1.8.4.B	explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including [Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, King George III,] Thomas Jefferson, [the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine,] and George Washington;		



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1.8.4.C	explain the issues surrounding [important events of] the American Revolution, including declaring independence; [writing] the Articles of Confederation, [fighting the battles of Lexington, Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; and signing the Treaty of Paris].		
1.US1	The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history from 1877 to the present.		
1.US1.A	identify the major eras in U.S. history from 1877 to the present and describe their defining characteristics;		
1.US1.B	apply absolute and relative chronology through the sequencing of significant individuals, events, and time periods; and		
1.US1.C	explain the significance of the following dates: 1898, 1914-1918, 1929, 1941-1945, [and 1957].		
1.US3	The student understands the emergence of the United States as a world power between 1898 and 1920.		
1.US3.A	explain why significant events and individuals, including the Spanish-American War, U.S. expansionism, [Henry Cabot Lodge, Alfred Thayer Mahan,] and Theodore Roosevelt, moved the United States into the position of a world power;		
1.US3.B	identify the reasons for U.S. involvement in World War I, including unrestricted submarine warfare;		
1.US3.D	analyze major issues raised by U.S. involvement in World War I, Wilson's Fourteen Points, and the Treaty of Versailles.		
1.US5	The student understands significant individuals, events, and issues of the 1920s.		
1.US5.A	analyze causes and effects of significant issues such as immigration, the Red Scare, Prohibition, and the changing role of women;		
1.US5.B	analyze the impact of significant individuals such as Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan, Henry Ford, and Charles A. Lindbergh.		
1.US6	The student understands the impact of significant national and international decisions and conflicts from World War II and the Cold War to the present on the United States.		
1.US6.A	identify reasons for U.S. involvement in World War II, including the growth of dictatorships and the attack on Pearl Harbor;		



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1.US6.B	analyze major issues and events of World War II such as fighting the war on multiple fronts, the internment of Japanese-Americans, the Holocaust, the battle of Midway, the invasion of Normandy, and the development of and Harry Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb;		
1.US6.D	describe U.S. responses to Soviet aggression after World War II, including the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Berlin airlift];		
1.US6.E	analyze the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam and describe their domestic and international effects;	Asia	Southeast Asia
1.US6.F	describe the impact of the GI Bill, [the election of 1948,] McCarthyism, and Sputnik I.		
0	Government.		
1.8.16	The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and other important historic documents.		
1.8.16.C	identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence and explain how those grievances were addressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.		
2	The student will demonstrate an understanding of geographic influences on historical issues and events.		
0	Geography.		
2.US8	The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data.		
2.US8.B	[pose and] answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, charts, models, [and databases].	Africa	West Africa
		Central America	Caribbean
		Central America	Mexico
		Origins and Evolution	Evolution
2.US9	The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major events.		
2.US9.A	analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors on major events including the building of the Panama Canal.	Central America	Central American Countries
		North America	Mountain West
		Origins and Evolution	Origins
2.US10	The student understands the effects of migration and immigration on American society.		
2.US10.A	analyze the effects of changing demographic patterns resulting from migration within the United States;	North America	Pacific Coast



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2.US10.B	analyze the effects of changing demographic patterns resulting from immigration to the United States.	North America	Pacific Coast
		North America	Northeast
2.US11	The student understands the relationship between population growth and modernization on the physical environment.		
2.US11.A	identify the effects of population growth [and distribution and predict future effects] on the physical environment.	North America	Pacific Coast
2.WG6	The student understands the types and patterns of settlement, the factors that affect where people settle, and processes of settlement development over time.		
2.WG6.A	[locate settlements and] observe patterns in the size and distribution of cities using maps, graphics, and other information.	Origins and Evolution	Evolution
		Central America	Caribbean
0	History.		
2.WG1	The student understands how geographic contexts (the geography of places in the past) and processes of spatial exchange (diffusion) influenced events in the past and helped to shape the present.		
2.WG1.A	analyze the effects of physical and human geographic patterns and processes on events in the past [and describe their effects on present conditions, including significant physical features and environmental conditions that influenced migration patterns in the past and shaped the distribution of culture groups today] (correlates with WH12B);	North America	Mountain West
		Origins and Evolution	Origins
2.WG1.B	trace the spatial diffusion of a phenomenon and describe its effects on regions of contact such as the spread of bubonic plague, the diffusion and exchange of foods between the New and Old Worlds, [or the diffusion of American slang].		
0	Science, technology, and society.		
2.WH23	The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations have affected societies throughout history.		



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2.WH23.A	give examples of [major mathematical and scientific discoveries and] technological innovations that occurred at different periods in history and describe the changes produced by these discoveries and innovations.		Covered throughout the course
3	The student will demonstrate an understanding of economic and social influences on historical issues and events.		
0	History.		
3.US2	The student understands the political, economic, and social changes in the United States from 1877 to 1898.		
3.US2.B	analyze economic issues such as industrialization, the growth of railroads, the growth of labor unions, farm issues, and the rise of big business;		
3.US2.C	analyze social issues such as the treatment of minorities, child labor, growth of cities, and problems of immigrants.		
3.US4	The student understands the effects of reform and third party movements on American society.		
3.US4.B	evaluate the impact of reform leaders such as Susan B. Anthony, W.E.B. DuBois, [and Robert LaFollette] on American society.		
3.US7	The student understands the impact of the American civil rights movement.		
3.US7.B	identify significant leaders of the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King, Jr.		
0	Economics.		
3.US13	The student understands significant economic developments between World War I and World War II.		
3.US13.A	analyze causes of economic growth and prosperity in the 1920s;		
3.US13.B	analyze the causes of the Great Depression, including the decline in worldwide trade, the stock market crash, and bank failures;		
3.US13.C	analyze the effects of the Great Depression on the U.S. economy and government;		
3.US13.E	analyze how various New Deal agencies and programs such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, [the Securities and Exchange Commission,] and Social Security continue to affect the lives of U.S. citizens.		



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3.US14	The student understands the economic effects of World War II, the Cold War, and increased worldwide competition on contemporary society.		
3.US14.A	describe the economic effects of World War II on the home front, including rationing, female employment, and the end of the Great Depression;		
3.US14.E	describe the dynamic relationship between U.S. international trade policies and the U.S. free enterprise system.		
3.WG10	The student understands the distribution and characteristics of economic systems throughout the world.		
3.WG10.C	compare the ways people satisfy their basic needs through the production of goods and services such as subsistence agriculture versus market-oriented agriculture or cottage industries versus commercial industries.		Covered throughout the course
0	Culture.		
3.US21	The student understands how people from various groups, including racial, ethnic, and religious groups, adapt to life in the United States and contribute to our national identity.		
3.US21.A	explain actions taken by people from racial, ethnic, and religious groups to expand economic opportunities and political rights in American society;		
3.US21.D	identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society.		
0	Science, technology, and society.		
3.US22	The student understands the impact of science and technology on the economic development of the United States.		
3.US22.A	explain the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations such as electric power, the telegraph and telephone, petroleum-based products, medical vaccinations, and computers on the development of the United States;		
3.US22.C	analyze the impact of technological innovations on the nature of work, the American labor movement, and businesses.		
3.US23	The student understands the influence of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on daily life in the United States.		



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3.US23.A	analyze how scientific discoveries and technological innovations, including those in transportation and communication, have changed the standard of living in the United States.		
0	Geography.		
3.WG5	The student understands how political, economic, and social processes shape cultural patterns and characteristics in various places and regions. The		
3.WG5.B	analyze political, economic, social, and demographic data to determine the level of development and standard of living in nations.		Covered throughout the course
4	The student will demonstrate an understanding of political influences on historical issues and events.		
0	History.		
4.8.3	The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States.		
4.8.3.A	explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period.		
4.US4	The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a democratic society.		
4.US4.A	evaluate the impact of Progressive Era reforms including [initiative, referendum, recall, and] the passage of the 16th and 17th amendments.		
4.US7	The student understands the impact of the American civil rights movement.		
4.US7.A	trace the historical development of the civil rights movement in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, including the 13th, 14th, 15th amendments;		
4.US7.C	evaluate government efforts, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to achieve equality in the United States.		
0	Government.		
4.8.16	The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and other important historic documents.		
4.8.16.A	identify the influence of ideas from historic documents including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, [the Mayflower Compact,] the Declaration of Independence, the Federalist Papers, [and selected anti-federalist writings] on the U.S. system of government;		



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4.8.16.D	analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights.		
4.8.17	The student understands the process of changing the U.S. Constitution and the impact of amendments on American society.		
4.8.17.B	describe the impact of 19th-century amendments including the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments on life in the United States.		
4.8.18	The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system.		
4.8.18.B	describe historical conflicts arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War.		
4.US17	The student understands the impact of constitutional issues on American society in the 20th century.		
4.US17.A	analyze the effects of 20th-century landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions such as <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> , [<i>Regents of the University of California v. Bakke</i> , and <i>Reynolds v. Sims</i>].		
0	Citizenship.		
4.8.20	The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States.		
4.8.20.A	define and give examples of unalienable rights;		
4.8.20.B	summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.		
4.8.22	The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a democratic society.		
4.8.22.B	describe the importance of free speech and press in a democratic society.		
4.US18	The student understands efforts to expand the democratic process.		
4.US18.B	evaluate various means of achieving equality of political rights, including the 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments.		
5	The student will use critical thinking skills to analyze social studies information.		
0	Social studies skills.		
5.US24	The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.		



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5.US24.A	[locate and] use primary and secondary sources [such as computer software, databases, media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts] to acquire information about the United States	North America	Pacific Coast
		North America	Mountain West
		North America	Midwest
		North America	South
		North America	Northeast
5.US24.B	analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations [and predictions], and drawing inferences and conclusions		Covered throughout the course
5.US24.C	explain and apply different methods that historians use to interpret the past, including the use of primary and secondary sources, points of view, frames of reference, and historical context		Covered throughout the course
5.US24.F	identify bias in written, [oral,] and visual material.		
5.WG21	The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources including electronic technology.		
5.WG21.C	[construct and] interpret maps to answer geographic questions, infer geographic relationships, and analyze geographic change.	Origins and Evolution	Evolution
		Africa	West Africa
		Central America	Mexico
5.WH26	The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms.		
5.WH26.C	interpret [and create databases, research outlines, bibliographies, and] visuals including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps.	Africa	West Africa
		Central America	Mexico
		Origins and Evolution	Evolution
0	Geography.		
5.WG8	The student understands how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent.		
5.WG8.B	compare ways that humans depend on, adapt to, and modify the physical environment using [local,] state, national, and international human activities in a variety of cultural and technological contexts.		Covered throughout the course