

Work Group E Final Recommendations
Social Studies, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
High School Courses

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These recommendations reflect changes to the social studies Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for high school that have been recommended by State Board of Education’s TEKS streamlining Work Group E. Proposed deletions are shown in red font with strikethroughs (~~deletions~~). Text proposed to be moved from its current student expectation is shown in purple, italicized font with strikethrough (*~~moved text~~*) and is shown in the proposed new location in purple, italicized font with underlines (*new text location*). Recommendations to clarify language are shown in blue font with double underlines (clarifying language). Additions made as technical edits are shown in green font with underlines (technical edits).

Comments identified on the left-hand side link to explanations at the bottom of each page for Work Group E’s proposed changes. Changes to previous work groups’ proposed changes are highlighted and explained in the comments. Work Group E estimated the amount of instructional time that would be reduced or added based on their recommendations. The changes to instructional time are provided in minutes after each comment in brackets.

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§113.41. United States History Studies Since 1877 (One Credit), Adopted 2018 ~~Beginning with School Year 2011-2012.~~

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one unit of credit for successful completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.

- (1) In United States History Studies Since 1877, which is the second part of a two-year study that begins in Grade 8, students study the history of the United States from 1877 to the present. The course content is based on the founding documents of the U.S. government, which provide a framework for its heritage. Historical content focuses on the political, economic, and social events and issues related to industrialization and urbanization, major wars, domestic and foreign policies, and reform movements, including civil rights. Students examine the impact of geographic factors on major events and eras and analyze their causes and effects. Students examine the impact of constitutional issues on American society, evaluate the dynamic relationship of the three branches of the federal government, and analyze efforts to expand the democratic process. Students describe the relationship between the arts and popular culture and the times during which they were created. Students analyze the impact of technological innovations on American life. Students use critical-thinking skills and a variety of primary and secondary source material to explain and apply different methods that historians use to understand and interpret the past, including multiple points of view and historical context.
- (2) To support the teaching of the essential knowledge and skills, the use of a variety of rich primary and secondary source material such as biographies, autobiographies, landmark cases of the U.S. Supreme Court, novels, speeches, letters, diaries, poetry, songs, and artworks is encouraged. Motivating resources are available from museums, historical sites, presidential libraries, and local and state preservation societies.
- (3) The eight strands of the essential knowledge and skills for social studies are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes. Skills listed in the social studies skills strand in subsection (c) of this section should be incorporated into the teaching of all essential knowledge and skills for social studies. A greater depth of understanding of complex content material can be attained when integrated social studies content from the various disciplines and critical-thinking skills are taught together. Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
- (4) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.
- (5) Throughout social studies in Kindergarten-Grade 12, students build a foundation in history; geography; economics; government; citizenship; culture; science, technology, and society; and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).
- (6) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.
- (7) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
 - (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity

of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.

- (B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."
- (8) Students identify and discuss how the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have either met or failed to meet the ideals espoused in the founding documents.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) History. The student understands the principles included in the Celebrate Freedom Week program. The student is expected to:

Comment ¹(A) analyze and evaluate the text, intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, ~~and identify the full text of the first three paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence~~ ;

(B) analyze and evaluate the application of these founding principles to historical events in U.S. history; and

~~(C) explain the contributions of the Founding Fathers such as Benjamin Rush, John Hancock, John Jay, John Witherspoon, John Peter Muhlenberg, Charles Carroll, and Jonathan Trumbull Sr.~~

Comment ²(C) discuss the meaning and historical significance of the mottos "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust."

(2) History. The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history from 1877 to the present. The student is expected to:

~~(A) identify the major characteristics that define an historical era;~~

~~(A)(B)~~ identify the major eras in U.S. history from 1877 to the present and describe their defining characteristics; and

Comment ³(C) apply absolute and relative chronology through the sequencing of significant individuals, events, and time periods; ~~and~~

~~(B)(D)~~ explain the significance of the following years as turning points: 1898 (Spanish-American War), 1914-1918 (World War I), 1929 (the Great Depression begins), 1939-1945 (World War II), 1957 (Sputnik launch ignites U.S.-Soviet space race), 1968 (Martin Luther King Jr. assassination), 1969 (U.S. lands on the moon), 1968-1969 (Martin Luther King Jr. assassination and U.S. lands on the moon), 1991 (Cold War ends), 2001 (terrorist attacks on World Trade Center and the Pentagon), and 2008 (election of first black president, Barack Obama).

(3) History. The student understands the political, economic, and social changes in the United States from 1877 to 1898. The student is expected to:

¹ The law requires the recitation of the excerpt provided in the introduction 7(B). The depth of the founding documents increase the time required on content outside the time period of this course. [45 minutes]

² In response to SBOE's comments the SE has been reinstated and moved from US 26E.

³ Moved to US.29B because it is a skill, this also creates VA with Grade 8 and addresses concerns SBOE related to maintaining chronology as a vocabulary word/skill.

- (A) analyze political issues such as Indian policies, the growth of political machines, and civil service reform, ~~and the beginnings of Populism;~~
- Comment** ⁴(B) analyze economic issues such as industrialization, the growth of railroads, the growth of labor unions, farm issues, the cattle industry boom, the growth rise of entrepreneurship, free enterprise, and the pros and cons of big business; and
- Comment** ⁵(C) analyze social issues affecting women, minorities, children, immigrants, urbanization, ~~the Social Gospel, and philanthropy of industrialists; and~~ .
~~(D) —describe the optimism of the many immigrants who sought a better life in America.~~
- (4) History. The student understands the emergence of the United States as a world power between 1898 and 1920. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain why significant events, policies, and individuals, including such as the Spanish-American War, U.S. expansionism, ~~Henry Cabot Lodge~~, Alfred Thayer Mahan, Theodore Roosevelt, and Sanford B. Dole, ~~and missionaries~~ moved the United States into the position of a world power;
- (B) evaluate American expansionism, including acquisitions such as Guam, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico;
- (C) identify the causes of World War I and reasons for U.S. entry;
- (D) understand the contributions of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) led by General John J. Pershing, including the Battle of Argonne Forest ;
- Comment** ⁶(E) analyze the impact of ~~significant technological innovations in World War I such as~~ machine guns, airplanes, tanks, poison gas, and trench warfare as significant technological innovations in World War I that resulted in the stalemate on the Western Front; and
- (F) analyze major issues ~~such as isolationism and neutrality~~ raised by U.S. involvement in World War I, including isolationism, neutrality, Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points, and the Treaty of Versailles . ~~and~~
- ~~(G) —analyze significant events such as the Battle of Argonne Forest.~~
- (5) History. The student understands the effects of reform and third-party movements in the early 20th century. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze evaluate the impact of Progressive Era reforms, including initiative, referendum, recall, and the passage of the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th amendments;
- (B) evaluate the impact of muckrakers and reform leaders such as Upton Sinclair, Susan B. Anthony, Jane Addams, Ida B. Wells, and W. E. B. DuBois on American society; and
- (C) analyze evaluate the impact of third parties, including the Populist and Progressive parties.
- (6) History. The student understands significant events, social issues, and individuals of the 1920s. The student is expected to:

⁴ Free Enterprise was moved to US.15B (economic strand) because the SE refers to changes and this is an economic concept which impacts more periods of time than just this KS addresses. [30 minutes]

⁵ The Social Gospel and philanthropy of industrialists are responses to social issues not the groups affected by the social issues. These responses will be covered when teaching US 3B (the pros and cons of big business) and US 5B (impact of Muckrakers and reform leaders). [60 minutes]

⁶ The list of technology did not all cause the stalemate on the Western Front, so WG deleted that phrase. Also, this builds on WH 10B (modern military technology that students must identify). [0 minutes]

- Comment** ⁷(A) analyze causes and effects of events and social issues such as immigration, Social Darwinism, the Scopes Trial, ~~eugenics~~, race relations, nativism, the Red Scare, Prohibition, and the changing role of women; and
- Comment** ⁸(B) analyze the impact of significant individuals such as ~~Clarence Darrow, William Jennings Bryan~~, Henry Ford, ~~Glenn Curtiss~~, Marcus Garvey, and Charles A. Lindbergh.
- (7) History. The student understands the domestic and international impact of U.S. participation in World War II. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify reasons for U.S. involvement in World War II, including the aggression of Italian, German, and Japanese dictatorships ~~and their aggression~~, especially the attack on Pearl Harbor;
- Comment** ⁹(B) evaluate the domestic and international leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman during World War II, including the U.S. relationship with its allies ~~and domestic industry's rapid mobilization for the war effort~~ ;
- ~~(C) analyze the function of the U.S. Office of War Information;~~
- Comment** ¹⁰(C)(D) analyze major issues of World War II, including the Holocaust; the internments resulting from ~~of German, Italian, and Japanese Americans and~~ Executive Order 9066; and the development of ~~conventional and~~ atomic weapons;
- (D)(E) analyze major military events of World War II, including fighting the war on multiple fronts, the Bataan Death March, the US military advancement through the Pacific Islands, the Battle of Midway, the invasion of Normandy, and the liberation of concentration camps ~~the Battle of Midway, the U.S. military advancement through the Pacific Islands, the Bataan Death March, the invasion of Normandy, fighting the war on multiple fronts, and the liberation of concentration camps;~~
- (E)(F) ~~describe~~ evaluate the military contributions of leaders during World War II, including ~~Omar Bradley~~, Dwight Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, and Chester W. A. Nimitz, ~~George Marshall, and George Patton~~; and
- Comment** ¹¹(F)(G) explain issues affecting the home front including ~~and how American patriotism inspired~~ volunteerism, the purchase of war bonds, and Victory Gardens; and opportunities and obstacles for women and ethnic minorities ~~exceptional actions by citizens and military personnel, including high levels of military enlistment; volunteerism; the purchase of war bonds; Victory Gardens; the bravery and contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Flying Tigers, and the Navajo Code Talkers; and opportunities and obstacles for women and ethnic minorities;~~ and
- (G) explain how American patriotism inspired high levels of military enlistment and the bravery and contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen, the Flying Tigers, and the Navajo Code Talkers.
- (8) History. The student understands the impact of significant national and international decisions and conflicts in the Cold War on the United States. The student is expected to:

⁷ WG E agrees with both the original WG C rationale and the response to the SBOE Comment regarding the topic may be covered with Social Darwinism and race relations.

⁸ Scopes Trial clarifies the essential knowledge better than the individual involved in the actual trial. [20 minutes]

⁹ Mobilization is an economic effect of WWII and fits better as a concept in US 17A (Economic strand). Previous WG said it was covered in US17A. At the time of this WG it was not so we added clarification. [30 minutes]

¹⁰ Executive Order 9066 covers the internment of German, Italian and Japanese Americans. Taking out the redundancy of the SE [30 minutes]

¹¹ American Patriotism does not inspire obstacles for women and ethnic minorities. Patriotism will be covered in buying war bonds, volunteerism, etc. This clarification will now direct the teachers to discuss the home front and volunteer military enlistment. This resolves an issue of redundancy created by the previous WG [15 minutes]

- (A) describe U.S. responses to Soviet aggression after World War II, including the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, ~~the North Atlantic Treaty Organization~~, the Berlin airlift, ~~the North Atlantic Treaty Organization~~, and John F. Kennedy's role in the Cuban Missile Crisis;
 - (B) describe how Cold War tensions were intensified by ~~the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)~~, ~~the arms race~~, ~~the space race~~, McCarthyism, ~~and the arms race~~, ~~and the space race~~ ~~the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)~~, ~~the findings of which were confirmed by the Venona Papers~~;
 - (C) explain reasons and outcomes for U.S. involvement in the Korean War and its relationship to the containment policy;
 - (D) explain reasons and outcomes for U.S. involvement in foreign countries and their relationship to the Domino Theory, including the Vietnam War;
 - (E) analyze the major ~~issues and~~ events of the Vietnam War, ~~including the escalation of forces such as~~, the Tet Offensive, ~~the escalation of forces~~, Vietnamization, and the fall of Saigon; and
 - (F) describe the responses to the Vietnam War such as the draft, the 26th Amendment, the role of the media, the credibility gap, the silent majority, and the anti-war movement.
- (9) History. The student understands the impact of the American civil rights movement. The student is expected to:

- Comment** ¹²(A) trace the historical development of the civil rights movement in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, including the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments and ~~responses to Jim Crow Laws~~;
- (B) describe the roles of political organizations that promoted ~~civil rights, including ones from~~ African American, Chicano, American Indian, ~~and~~ women's ~~civil rights and other civil rights movements~~ ;
 - (C) identify the roles of significant leaders who supported various rights movements, including Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, ~~Dolores Huerta~~, Rosa Parks, ~~Hector P. Garcia~~, and Betty Friedan;
 - (D) compare and contrast the approach taken by ~~some civil rights groups such as~~ the Black Panthers with the nonviolent approach of Martin Luther King Jr.;
 - (E) discuss the impact of the writings of Martin Luther King Jr. such as his "I Have a Dream" speech and "Letter from Birmingham Jail" on the civil rights movement;
 - (F) describe presidential actions and congressional votes to address minority rights in the United States, including desegregation of the armed forces, the Civil Rights ~~Act acts~~ of ~~1957 and~~ 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965;
 - (G) ~~explain how~~ ~~describe the role of individuals such as governors~~ George Wallace, Orval Faubus, and ~~Lester Maddox and groups, including~~ the Congressional bloc of southern Democrats ~~, that~~ sought to maintain the status quo;
 - (H) evaluate changes ~~and events~~ in the United States that have resulted from the civil rights movement, including increased participation of minorities in the political process; and
- Comment** ¹³(I) describe how ~~Sweatt v. Painter~~, ~~litigation such as the landmark cases of~~ Brown v. Board of Education, ~~Mendez v. Westminster~~, ~~and~~ Hernandez v. Texas, ~~Delgado v. Bastrop I.S.D.~~, ~~Edgewood I.S.D. v. Kirby~~, ~~and Sweatt v. Painter~~ played a role in protecting the rights of the minority during the civil rights movement.

¹² Clarifies and responds to SBOE comment and public feedback

¹³ WG agrees with WG's response to SBOE comment to not include state cases since state cases do not impact civil rights throughout the nation.

- Comment** ¹⁴(10) History. The student understands the impact of political, economic, and social factors in the U.S. ~~role in the world from~~ the 1970s through 1990. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe Richard M. Nixon's leadership in the normalization of relations with China and the policy of détente;
 - (B) describe Ronald Reagan's leadership in domestic and international policies, including Reagan's economic policies ~~Reaganomics~~ and Peace Through Strength;
 - ~~(C) compare the impact of energy on the American way of life over time;~~
 - ~~(C)(D)~~ describe U.S. involvement in the Middle East such as support for Israel, the Camp David Accords, the Iran Hostage Crisis, Marines in Lebanon, and the Iran-Contra Affair ~~Iran-Contra Affair, Marines in Lebanon, and the Iran Hostage Crisis~~;
 - ~~(D)(E)~~ describe the causes and key organizations ~~and individuals~~ of the conservative resurgence of the 1980s such as ~~and 1990s, including Phyllis Schlafly, the Contract with America,~~ the Heritage Foundation, and the Moral Majority, ~~and the National Rifle Association~~ ; and
 - ~~(E)(F)~~ describe significant societal issues of this time period such as the War on Drugs and the AIDS epidemic .
- (11) History. The student understands the emerging political, economic, and social issues of the United States from the 1990s into the 21st century. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe U.S. involvement in world affairs, including the end of the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War, ~~the Balkans Crisis~~, 9/11, and the global War on Terror;
- Comment** ¹⁵(B) identify significant social and political ~~advocacy organizations, leaders, and~~ issues such as health care, immigration, and education from different viewpoints across the political spectrum;
- ~~(C) evaluate efforts by global organizations to undermine U.S. sovereignty through the use of treaties;~~
 - ~~(C)(D)~~ analyze the impact of third parties on the 1992 and 2000 presidential elections; and
 - ~~(E) discuss the historical significance of the 2008 presidential election; and~~
- Comment** ¹⁶~~(F)~~ ~~discuss the solvency of long term entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.~~
- Comment** ¹⁷~~(D)~~ identify the impact of international events, multinational corporations, government policies, and individuals on the 21st century economy.
- (12) Geography. The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major events. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze the impact of physical and human geographic factors on ~~the settlement of the Great Plains~~, the Klondike Gold Rush, the Panama Canal, the Dust Bowl, and the levee failure in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina; and
 - (B) identify and explain reasons for changes in political boundaries such as those resulting from statehood and international conflicts.
- (13) Geography. The student understands the causes and effects of migration and immigration on American society. The student is expected to:

¹⁴ Aligns the KS with KS 11 and clarifies both domestic and foreign issues included under KS 10.

¹⁵ This change clarifies the intent of the SE. [no change in time]

¹⁶ The concept of taxation, expenditures and their impacts is covered in Gov 4.B and Eco 14.A,B,C

¹⁷ Reinstated and moved from US18B to ensure the all concept of the KS are still covered.

- (A) analyze the causes and effects of changing demographic patterns resulting from migration within the United States, including western expansion, rural to urban, the Great Migration, and the Rust Belt to the Sun Belt; and
- (B) analyze the causes and effects of changing demographic patterns resulting from ~~legal and illegal~~ immigration to the United States.
- (14) Geography. The student understands the relationship between population growth and ~~modernization on~~ the physical environment. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the effects of population growth and distribution on the physical environment; ~~and~~
- (B) identify the roles of governmental entities and private citizens in managing the environment such as the establishment of the National Park System, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Endangered Species Act ~~and~~
- ~~(C) understand the effects of governmental actions on individuals, industries, and communities, including the impact on Fifth Amendment property rights.~~
- (15) Economics. The student understands domestic and foreign issues related to U.S. economic growth from the 1870s to 1920. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe how the economic impact of the Transcontinental Railroad and the Homestead Act contributed to the close of the frontier in the late 19th century;
- (B) describe the changing relationship between the federal government and private business, including *free enterprise*, the costs and benefits of laissez-faire, the Sherman Antitrust Act ~~anti-trust acts~~, the Interstate Commerce Act, and the Pure Food and Drug Act;
- (C) explain how foreign policies affected economic issues such as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the Open Door Policy, Dollar Diplomacy, and immigration quotas; ~~and~~
- (D) describe the economic effects of international military conflicts, including the Spanish-American War and World War I, on the United States ~~and~~
- Comment** ¹⁸~~(E) describe the emergence of monetary policy in the United States, including the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 and the shifting trend from a gold standard to fiat money.~~
- (16) Economics. The student understands significant economic developments between World War I and World War II. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze causes of economic growth and prosperity in the 1920s, including Warren Harding's Return to Normalcy, reduced taxes, and increased production efficiencies;
- (B) identify the causes of the Great Depression, including the impact of tariffs on world trade, stock market speculation, bank failures, and the monetary policy of the Federal Reserve System;
- Comment** ¹⁹(C) analyze the effects of the Great Depression on the U.S. economy and society such as widespread unemployment and deportation and repatriation of people of ~~European and Mexican heritage~~ ~~and others~~ ;
- (D) compare the New Deal policies and its opponents' approaches to resolving the economic effects of the Great Depression; and
- (E) describe how various New Deal agencies and programs, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Social Security Administration, continue to affect the lives of U.S. citizens.

¹⁸ It impacts US history more significantly after the 1920s (which is the scope of this KS); in addition, the concepts are more appropriate in the Economics course. (12C & D) [90 minutes]

¹⁹ Factual error since the SE is limited to the Great Depression Era. [teacher prep time saved]

- Comment** ²⁰(17) Economics. The student understands the economic effects of government policies from World War II-present ~~World War II and the Cold War~~ . The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the economic effects of World War II on the home front such as *mobilization*, the end of the Great Depression, rationing, and increased opportunity for women and minority employment;
 - (B) identify the causes of prosperity in the 1950s, including the Baby Boom and the impact of the GI Bill (Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944), and the effects of prosperity in the 1950s such as increased consumption and the growth of agriculture and business;
 - (C) describe the economic impact of defense spending on the business cycle and education priorities from 1945 to the 1990s;
- Comment** ²¹(D) identify actions of government *intended to create economic opportunities for citizens* ~~and the private sector~~ such as the Great Society, affirmative action, and Title IX *to create economic opportunities for citizens and analyze the unintended consequences of each* ; and
- (E) describe the dynamic relationship between U.S. international trade policies and the U.S. free enterprise system such as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil embargo, the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Comment** ²²~~(18)~~ ~~Economics. The student understands the economic effects of increased worldwide interdependence as the United States enters the 21st century. The student is expected to:~~
- ~~(A) discuss the role of American entrepreneurs such as Bill Gates, Sam Walton, Estée Lauder, Robert Johnson, Lionel Sosa, and millions of small business entrepreneurs who achieved the American dream; and~~
 - ~~(B) identify the impact of international events, multinational corporations, government policies, and individuals on the 21st century economy.~~
- (18)(19)** Government. The student understands changes over time in the role of government. The student is expected to:
- (A) evaluate the impact of New Deal legislation on the historical roles of state and federal government;
 - (B) explain constitutional issues raised by federal government policy changes during times of significant events, including World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the 1960s, and 9/11;
 - (C) describe the effects of political scandals, including Teapot Dome, Watergate, and Bill Clinton's impeachment, on the views of U.S. citizens concerning trust in the federal government and its leaders; and
 - (D) discuss the role of contemporary government legislation in the private and public sectors such as the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 . ~~and~~
- Comment** ²³~~(E)~~ ~~evaluate the pros and cons of U.S. participation in international organizations and treaties.~~

²⁰ Recommendation of previous WG. Clarification of KS improves alignment because the SEs are not all effects of World War II and the Cold War. This also creates alignment in the Economics strand of the KS.

²¹ Moving the clause improves readability of SE and adding the word intended opens discussion for both positive and negative impacts thus improving the balance of the SE. No examples are given for the private sector.

²² WG agrees with WG D and reinstated US18B to US 11 [90 minutes]

²³ Redundancy of US 11A, which covers US involvement in world affairs, and US11D, which covers government policy in international events. As well as US17E, which covers US foreign trade policy.

~~(19)~~(20) Government. The student understands the changing relationships among the three branches of the federal government. The student is expected to:

- (A) describe the impact of events such as the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and the War Powers Act on the relationship between the legislative and executive branches of government; and
- (B) evaluate the impact of relationships among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, including Franklin D. Roosevelt's attempt to increase the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices and the presidential election of 2000.

~~(20)~~(21) Government. The student understands the impact of constitutional issues on American society. The student is expected to:

Comment ²⁴(A) analyze the effects of landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions, including ~~Brown v. Board of Education, and other U.S. Supreme Court decisions such as~~ Plessy v. Ferguson, ~~Hernandez v. Texas,~~ Tinker v. Des Moines, ~~and~~ Wisconsin v. Yoder, ~~and White v. Regester~~; ~~and~~

- (B) discuss historical reasons why landmark constitutional amendments have been proposed and ratified from 1877 to the present. ~~the constitution has been amended; and~~

Comment ²⁵~~(C)~~ ~~evaluate constitutional change in terms of strict construction versus judicial interpretation.~~

Comment ²⁶~~(21)~~(22) Citizenship. The student understands the ~~theory concept~~ of American exceptionalism, as identified by Alexis de Tocqueville. The student is expected to:

- (A) discuss ~~Alexis de Tocqueville's five~~ values crucial to America's success as a constitutional republic: such as liberty, egalitarianism, individualism, populism, and laissez-faire; ~~and~~
- (B) describe how the American values ~~identified by Alexis de Tocqueville~~ are different and unique from those of other nations; ~~and~~
- ~~(C) describe U.S. citizens as people from numerous places throughout the world who hold a common bond in standing for certain self-evident truths.~~

~~(22)~~(23) Citizenship. The student understands efforts to expand the democratic process. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify and analyze methods of expanding the right to participate in the democratic process, including lobbying, non-violent protesting, litigation, and amendments to the U.S. Constitution;
- (B) evaluate various means of achieving equality of political rights, including the 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments and congressional acts such as the American Indian Citizenship Act of 1924; and

Comment ²⁷(C) explain how participation in the democratic process reflects our national identity ethos, patriotism, and civic responsibility ~~as well as our progress to build a "more perfect union"~~; ~~and~~

²⁴ *Brown v. Board of Education* is addressed in US 9I with civil rights cases. *Hernandez v Texas* is reinstated in US 9I. Jim Crow Laws are addressed in US 9A. *White v. Regester* pertains to the concept of reapportionment which is best addressed in the Government Course with *Baker v Carr* Gov 3C. Reapportionment is a difficult and time consuming concept to cover in this course. [90 minutes]

²⁵ This WG agrees with the previous WG response to SBOE's comment. [45 minutes]

²⁶ Reviewed all feedback and agree with WG revision in response to SBOE comments. [60 minutes]

²⁷ This WG agrees with the previous WG response to SBOE's comment. [30 minutes]

Comment ²⁸(D) summarize the criteria and explain the process for becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States.

(23)(24) Citizenship. The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to :

(A) ~~describe qualities of effective leadership; and~~

Comment ²⁹(B) evaluate the contributions of significant political and social leaders in the United States such as Andrew Carnegie, Thurgood Marshall, Billy Graham, and Barry Goldwater, Sandra Day O'Connor ~~, and Hillary Clinton~~ .

(24)(25) Culture. The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. The student is expected to:

(A) describe how the characteristics and issues in U.S. history have been reflected in various genres of art, music, film, and literature;

(B) describe ~~both the positive and negative~~ impacts of ~~significant examples of~~ cultural movements in art, music, and literature such as Tin Pan Alley, the Harlem Renaissance, the Beat Generation, rock and roll, the Chicano Mural Movement, and country and western music on American society; and

Comment ³⁰(C) ~~identify the impact of popular American culture on the rest of the world over time; and~~

(C)(D) identify and analyze the global diffusion of American culture through ~~the entertainment industry via~~ various media.

(25)(26) Culture. The student understands how people from various groups contribute to our national identity. The student is expected to:

(A) explain actions taken by people to expand economic opportunities and political rights; ~~including those~~ for racial, ethnic, gender, and religious groups minorities as well as women; in American society;

(B) discuss the Americanization movement to assimilate immigrants and American Indians into American culture;

(C) explain how the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, gender, and religious groups shape American culture;

(D) identify the ~~political, social, and economic~~ contributions of women such as ~~Frances Willard, Jane Addams, Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt, Dolores Huerta,~~ and Sonia Sotomayor ~~, and Oprah Winfrey~~ to American society; and

(E) ~~discuss the meaning and historical significance of the mottos "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust"; and~~

(E)(F) discuss the importance of congressional Medal of Honor recipients; ~~including individuals of all races and genders~~ such as Vernon J. Baker, Alvin York, and Raul "Roy" Benavidez.

(26)(27) Science, technology, and society. The student understands the impact of science, technology, and the free enterprise system on the economic development of the United States. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations such as electric power, telephone and satellite communications, petroleum-based products, steel production, and computers on the economic development of the United States;

²⁸ This WG determined that this SE, currently 19E in Grade 8, is more appropriate for this high school course.

²⁹ This WG agrees with the previous WG response to SBOE's comment. [+10 minutes]

³⁰ This WG agrees with the previous WG response to SBOE's comment. [15 minutes]

- Comment** ³¹(B) explain how specific needs result in scientific discoveries and technological innovations in agriculture, the military, and medicine ~~,including vaccines ; and~~
- (C) ~~describe~~ understand the ~~effect~~ impact of technological ~~and management~~ innovations ~~and their applications~~ in the workplace ~~and the resulting productivity enhancements for business and labor~~ such as assembly line manufacturing ~~and time study analysis~~; robotics; ~~computer management, and just in time inventory management~~ .

Comment ³²~~(D)~~ ~~describe the effect of innovations in business management in the workplace such as time study analysis and computer management.~~

~~(27)~~~~(28)~~ Science, technology, and society. The student understands the influence of scientific discoveries, technological innovations, and the free enterprise system on the standard of living in the United States. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze how scientific discoveries, technological innovations, and the application of these by the free enterprise system ~~improve the standard of living in the United States~~, including ~~changes~~ those in transportation and communication; ~~improve the standard of living in the United States~~;
- (B) explain how space technology and exploration improve the quality of life; and
- (C) ~~describe~~ understand how the free enterprise system drives technological innovation and its application in the marketplace such as cell phones, inexpensive personal computers, and global positioning products.

Comment ³³~~(28)~~~~(29)~~ Social studies skills. The student understands how historians use historiography to interpret the past and applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of valid sources, including ~~digital~~ electronic technology. The student is expected to:

- Comment** ³⁴(A) ~~analyze~~ use a variety of both primary and secondary ~~valid~~ sources such as maps, graphs, presentations, speeches, lectures, and political cartoons, and artifacts to acquire information ~~and to analyze and~~ answer historical questions;
- (B) analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing and contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations, making predictions, drawing inferences, and drawing conclusions;

Comment ³⁵~~(C)~~ ~~understand how historians interpret the past (historiography) and how their interpretations of history may change over time;~~

~~(C)~~~~(D)~~ apply ~~use~~ the process of historical inquiry to research, interpret, and use multiple types of sources of evidence;

Comment ³⁶~~(D)~~~~(E)~~ evaluate the validity of a source based on ~~language~~, corroboration with other sources, and information about the author, including points of view, frames of reference, and historical context; and

~~(F)~~ ~~identify bias in written, oral, and visual material;~~

³¹ The deletion of vaccines encourages teachers to focus on the three areas of innovation in this SE instead of overt emphasis on vaccines within the medical area. This increased balance makes the SE more aligned with the KS statement. [no change in time]

³² This SE is not essential to the course the concepts are complex and are more appropriate in a CTE course. [60 minutes]

³³ In response to SBOE comment, WG removed the term digital. [no change]

³⁴ These deletions narrow the scope to more commonly used sources. The addition of artifacts vertically aligns with grades 6 through 8. [no change in time]

³⁵ Reinstated in a clarifying manner in response to SBOE's comment. It helps frame the application of critical thinking skills into the discipline practice [+45 minutes]

³⁶ Language itself does not determine the validity of a source. [no change]

~~(E)(G)~~ identify *bias* and support with historical evidence a point of view on a social studies issue or event. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~(H)~~ ~~use appropriate skills to analyze and interpret social studies information such as maps, graphs, presentations, speeches, lectures, and political cartoons.~~

~~(29)(30)~~ Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:

Comment ³⁷(A) create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information using effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism; and

Comment ³⁸(B) use ~~correct~~ social studies terminology correctly to explain historical concepts. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

Comment ³⁹~~(C)~~ ~~use different forms of media to convey information, including written to visual and statistical to written or visual, using available computer software as appropriate.~~

~~(30)(31)~~ Social studies skills. The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. The student is expected to:

(A) create a visual representation of historical information such as thematic maps, graphs, and charts ~~representing various aspects of the United States~~; ~~and~~

(B) pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, charts, and available databases.

~~(31)(32)~~ Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others, ~~in a variety of settings~~. The student is expected to :

Comment ⁴⁰~~(A)~~ use ~~a~~ problem-solving and decision-making processes ~~process~~ to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~(B)~~ ~~use a decision-making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences, and take action to implement a decision.~~

³⁷ No additional instructional materials are needed.

³⁸ This deletion was made to VA with all other grade levels. It applies the skill to the full scope of the course.

³⁹ This SE is redundant; this skill is already covered in multiple places.

⁴⁰ Combining new 31A and B streamlines the vertical alignment of this skill through grade 12 by using the language from World Geography 23C. This WG has determined that the steps used in problem solving and decision making are so similar that it is not necessary to repeat the skills in separate standards.

§113.42. World History Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2018 ~~Beginning with School Year 2011-2012.~~

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one unit of credit for successful completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.
 - (1) World History Studies is a survey of the history of humankind. Due to the expanse of world history and the time limitations of the school year, the scope of this course should focus on "essential" concepts and skills that can be applied to various eras, events, and people within the standards in subsection (c) of this section. The major emphasis is on the study of significant people, events, and issues from the earliest times to the present. Traditional historical points of reference in world history are identified as students analyze important events and issues in western civilization as well as in civilizations in other parts of the world. Students evaluate the causes and effects of political and economic imperialism and of major political revolutions since the 17th century. Students examine the impact of geographic factors on major historic events and identify the historic origins of contemporary economic systems. Students analyze the process by which constitutional governments evolved as well as the ideas from historic documents that influenced that process. Students trace the historical development of important legal and political concepts. Students examine the history and impact of major religious and philosophical traditions. Students analyze the connections between major developments in science and technology and the growth of industrial economies, and they use the process of historical inquiry to research, interpret, and use multiple sources of evidence.
 - (2) The following periodization should serve as the framework for the organization of this course: 8000 BC-500 BC (Development of River Valley Civilizations); 500 BC-AD 600 (Classical Era); 600-1450 (Post-classical Era); 1450-1750 (Connecting Hemispheres); 1750-1914 (Age of Revolutions); and 1914-present (20th Century to the Present). Specific events and processes may transcend these chronological boundaries.
 - (3) To support the teaching of the essential knowledge and skills, the use of a variety of rich primary and secondary source material such as state papers, legal documents, charters, constitutions, biographies, autobiographies, speeches, letters, literature, music, art, and architecture is encouraged. Motivating resources are available from museums, art galleries, and historical sites.
 - (4) The eight strands of the essential knowledge and skills for social studies are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes. Skills listed in the social studies skills strand in subsection (c) of this section should be incorporated into the teaching of all essential knowledge and skills for social studies.
 - (5) A greater depth of understanding of complex content material can be attained by integrating social studies content and skills and by analyzing connections between and among historical periods and events. The list of events and people in this course curriculum should not be considered exhaustive. Additional examples can and should be incorporated. Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
 - (6) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.
 - (7) Throughout social studies in Kindergarten-Grade 12, students build a foundation in history; geography; economics; government; citizenship; culture; science, technology, and society; and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation, as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).
 - (8) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.

- (9) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
- (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.
- (B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."
- (10) Students identify and discuss how the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have either met or failed to meet the ideals espoused in the founding documents.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) History. The student understands traditional historical points of reference in world history. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following events from 8000 BC to 500 BC: the development of agriculture and the development of the river valley civilizations;
- (B) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following events from 500 BC to AD 600: the development of the classical civilizations of Greece, Rome, Persia, India (Maurya and Gupta), China (Zhou, Qin, and Han), and the development of major world religions;
- Comment**¹(C) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 600 to 1450: the spread of [major world religions](#) ~~Christianity, the decline of Rome and the formation of medieval Europe; the development of Islamic caliphates~~ and their impact on Asia, Africa, and Europe; the Mongol invasions and their impact on Europe, China, India, and Southwest Asia;
- (D) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1450 to 1750: the rise of the Ottoman Empire, the influence of the Ming dynasty on world trade, European exploration and the Columbian Exchange, European expansion, and the Renaissance and the Reformation;
- (E) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1750 to 1914: the Scientific Revolution, the Industrial Revolution and its impact on the development of modern economic systems, European imperialism, and the Enlightenment's impact on political revolutions; and
- (F) identify major causes and describe the major effects of the following important turning points in world history from 1914 to the present: the world wars and their impact on political, economic, and social systems; communist revolutions and their impact on the Cold War; independence movements; and globalization.

¹ WG agreed with the previous WG response to SBOE comment.

- (2) History. The student understands how early civilizations developed from 8000 BC to 500 BC. The student is expected to:
- (A) summarize the impact of the development of farming (Neolithic Revolution) on the creation of river valley civilizations;
 - (B) identify the characteristics of civilization; and
 - (C) explain how major river valley civilizations influenced the development of the classical civilizations.
- (3) History. The student understands the contributions and influence of classical civilizations from 500 BC to AD 600 on subsequent civilizations. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the major political, religious/philosophical, and cultural influences of Persia, India, China, Israel, Greece, and Rome, ~~including the development of monotheism, Judaism, and Christianity~~ ;
 - (B) explain the impact of the fall of Rome on Western Europe; and
 - (C) compare the factors that led to the collapse of Rome and Han China.
- (4) History. The student understands how, after the collapse of classical empires, new political, economic, and social systems evolved and expanded from 600 to 1450. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the development of *Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy Christianity* as a ~~unifying~~ social and political ~~factors~~ ~~factor~~ in medieval Europe and the Byzantine Empire;
 - ~~(B) — explain the characteristics of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy;~~
 - ~~(B)(C)~~ describe the major characteristics of and the factors contributing to the development of the political/social system of feudalism and the economic system of manorialism;
 - ~~(C)(D)~~ explain the political, economic, and social impact of Islam on Europe, Asia, and Africa;
 - ~~(D)(E)~~ describe the interactions among Muslim, Christian, and Jewish societies in Europe, Asia, and North Africa;
 - ~~(E)(F)~~ describe the interactions between Muslim and Hindu societies in South Asia;
 - ~~(F)(G)~~ explain how the Crusades, the Black Death, the Hundred Years' War, and the Great Schism of 1378 contributed to the end of medieval Europe;
 - ~~(G)(H)~~ summarize the major political, economic, and cultural developments in Tang and Song China and their impact on Eastern Asia;
- Comment** ² ~~(H)(I)~~ explain the evolution and expansion ~~development~~ of the slave trade;
- ~~(I)(J)~~ analyze how the Silk Road and the African gold-salt trade facilitated the spread of ideas and trade; and
 - ~~(J)(K)~~ summarize the changes resulting from the Mongol invasions of Russia, China, and the Islamic world.
- (5) History. The student understands the causes, characteristics, and impact of the European Renaissance and the Reformation from 1450 to 1750. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Renaissance; and
 - (B) explain the political, intellectual, artistic, economic, and religious impact of the Reformation.

² The previous word development implied that the slave trade began during this time period. The use of evolution and expansion aligns this SE to the KS and now reflects the historical record more accurately. [no change]

- (6) History. The student understands the characteristics and impact of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations. The student is expected to:
- (A) compare the major political, economic, social, and cultural developments of the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations and explain how prior civilizations influenced their development; and
 - (B) explain how the Inca and Aztec empires were impacted by European exploration/colonization.
- (7) History. The student understands the causes and impact of increased global interaction ~~European expansion~~ from 1450 to 1750. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze the causes of European expansion from 1450 to 1750;
 - (B) explain the impact of the Columbian Exchange ~~on the Americas and Europe~~ ;
 - (C) explain the impact of the Atlantic slave trade on West Africa and the Americas;
 - (D) explain the impact of the Ottoman Empire on Eastern Europe and global trade;
 - (E) explain Ming China's impact on global trade; and
 - (F) explain new economic factors and principles ~~that contributed to the success~~ of Europe's Commercial Revolution.
- (8) History. The student understands the causes and the global impact of the Industrial Revolution and European imperialism from 1750 to 1914. The student is expected to:
- ~~(A) — explain how 17th and 18th century European scientific advancements led to the Industrial Revolution;~~
 - ~~(A)~~(B) explain how the Industrial Revolution led to political, economic, and social changes ~~in Europe~~ ;
 - ~~(B)~~(C) identify the major political, economic, and social motivations that influenced European imperialism;
 - ~~(C)~~(D) explain the major characteristics and impact of European imperialism; and
 - ~~(D)~~(E) explain the effects of free enterprise in the Industrial Revolution.
- (9) History. The student understands the causes and effects of major political revolutions between 1750 and 1914. The student is expected to:
- (A) compare the causes, characteristics, and consequences of the American and French revolutions, emphasizing the role of the Enlightenment ~~, the Glorious Revolution, and religion~~ ;
 - (B) explain the impact of Napoleon Bonaparte and the Napoleonic Wars on Europe and Latin America;
 - (C) trace the influence of the American and French revolutions on Latin America, including the role of Simón Bolívar; and
 - (D) identify the influence of ideas such as separation of powers, checks and balances, liberty, equality, democracy, popular sovereignty, human rights, constitutionalism, and nationalism on political revolutions.
- (10) History. The student understands the causes and impact of World War I. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the importance of imperialism, nationalism, militarism, and the alliance system in causing World War I;
 - (B) identify major characteristics of World War I, including total war, trench warfare, modern military technology, and high casualty rates;

- (C) explain the ~~political impact of Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points and the~~ political and economic impact of the Treaty of Versailles, including changes in boundaries and the mandate system; and
- (D) identify the causes of the February (March) and October (~~November~~) revolutions of 1917 in Russia, their effects on the outcome of World War I, and the Bolshevik establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- (11) History. The student understands the causes and impact of the global economic depression immediately following World War I. The student is expected to:
- (A) summarize the international, political, and economic causes of the global depression; and
- Comment**³(B) explain the responses of governments ~~in the United States, Germany, and the Soviet Union~~ to the global depression such as in the United States, Germany, Great Britain, and France.
- (12) History. The student understands the causes and impact of World War II. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the emergence and characteristics of totalitarianism;
- (B) explain the roles of various world leaders, including Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Hideki Tojo, Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill, prior to and during World War II; and
- (C) explain the major causes and events of World War II ~~, including the German invasions of Poland and the Soviet Union, the Holocaust, Japanese imperialism, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Normandy landings, and the dropping of the atomic bombs~~.
- (13) History. The student understands the impact of major events associated with the Cold War and independence movements. The student is expected to:
- (A) summarize how the outcome of World War II contributed to the development of the Cold War;
- (B) summarize the factors that contributed to communism in China, including Mao Zedong's role in its rise ~~, and how it differed from Soviet communism~~ ;
- (C) identify ~~the following~~ major events of the Cold War, including the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the arms race;
- (D) explain the roles of modern world leaders, including Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev, Lech Walesa, and Pope John Paul II, in the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union; and
- Comment**⁴(E) summarize the rise of independence movements in Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia and reasons for ongoing conflicts including the Arab-Israeli conflict. ~~; and~~
- ~~(F) explain how Arab rejection of the State of Israel has led to ongoing conflict.~~
- (14) History. The student understands the development of radical Islamic fundamentalism and the subsequent use of terrorism by some of its adherents. The student is expected to:
- Comment**⁵(A) summarize the development and impact of radical Islamic fundamentalism on events in the second half of the 20th century, including ~~Palestinian~~ terrorism and the growth of terrorist groups of al-Qaeda ; and

³ WG reviewed the previous WG response to SBOE comment and we agree with their suggested changes and rationale. Leaving this change reflects instructional materials more accurately.

⁴ WG reviewed and discussed the proposed changes that were made. We agree with the revisions that were made in response to the comments from SBOE. The SE now reflects the KS.

⁵ WG reviewed and discussed the WG response to SBOE comment and we agree with their suggested changes and rationale.

(B) explain the U.S. response to terrorism from September 11, 2001, to the present.

~~(15) Geography. The student uses geographic skills and tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. The student is expected to:~~

~~(A) create and interpret thematic maps, graphs, and charts to demonstrate the relationship between geography and the historical development of a region or nation; and~~

~~(B) analyze and compare geographic distributions and patterns in world history shown on maps, graphs, charts, and models.~~

~~(15)~~⁽¹⁶⁾ Geography. The student understands the impact of geographic factors on major historic events and processes. The student is expected to:

(A) locate places and regions of historical significance directly related to major eras and turning points in world history;

(B) analyze the influence of human and physical geographic factors on major events in world history **such as** ~~including~~ the development of river valley civilizations, trade in the Indian Ocean, and the opening of the Panama and Suez canals; and

(C) interpret maps, charts, and graphs to explain how geography has influenced people and events in the past.

Comment ⁶~~(16)~~⁽¹⁷⁾ Economics. The student understands the impact of the Neolithic and Industrial revolutions **and globalization** on humanity. The student is expected to:

(A) identify important changes in human life caused by the Neolithic Revolution ~~and the Industrial Revolution~~ ; **and**

(B) summarize the role of economics in driving political changes as related to ~~the Neolithic Revolution and~~ the Industrial Revolution; and

(C) ~~describe~~ **summarize the economic and social impact of 20th-century globalization.**

~~(17)~~⁽¹⁸⁾ Economics. The student understands the historical origins of contemporary economic systems and the benefits of free enterprise in world history. The student is expected to:

(A) identify the historical origins and characteristics of the free enterprise system, including the ~~influence~~ **contributions** of Adam Smith ~~, especially the influence of his ideas found in The Wealth of Nations~~ ;

(B) identify the historical origins and characteristics of communism, including the ~~influence~~ **influences** of Karl Marx;

(C) identify the historical origins and characteristics of socialism; **and**

(D) identify the historical origins and characteristics of fascism ;

~~(E) explain why communist command economies collapsed in competition with free market economies at the end of the 20th century; and~~

~~(F) formulate generalizations on how economic freedom improved the human condition, based on students' knowledge of the benefits of free enterprise in Europe's Commercial Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and 20th-century free market economies, compared to communist command communities.~~

~~(18)~~⁽¹⁹⁾ Government. The student understands the characteristics of major political systems throughout history. The student is expected to:

⁶ WG reviewed changes made by previous WG and reinstated globalization into the KS. While the social impact of globalization is covered in 28D as the previous work group stated, the economic impact of globalization was no longer included. The current revisions ensure the social and economic impact of globalization remain as important knowledge. [+45 minutes; was previously -135 minutes; now would be -90 minutes]

- (A) identify the characteristics of monarchies and theocracies as forms of government in early civilizations; and
- (B) identify the characteristics of the following political systems: theocracy, absolute monarchy, democracy, republic, oligarchy, limited monarchy, and totalitarianism.

~~(19)~~~~(20)~~ Government. The student understands how contemporary political systems have developed from earlier systems of government. The student is expected to:

- Comment** ⁷(A) explain the development of democratic-republican government from its beginnings in ~~the Judeo-Christian legal tradition and~~ classical Greece and Rome through the ~~English Civil War and the Enlightenment~~ French Revolution ;
- (B) identify the impact of political and legal ideas contained in the following documents: Hammurabi's Code, the Jewish Ten Commandments, Justinian's Code of Laws, Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen;
- Comment** ⁸(C) explain the political philosophies of individuals such as John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Voltaire, Charles de Montesquieu, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Aquinas, John Calvin, ~~Thomas Jefferson~~, and William Blackstone; and
- (D) explain the significance of the League of Nations and the United Nations.

~~(20)~~~~(21)~~ Citizenship. The student understands the significance of political choices and decisions made by individuals, groups, and nations throughout history. The student is expected to:

- (A) describe how people have participated in supporting or changing their governments;
- (B) describe the rights and responsibilities of citizens and noncitizens in civic participation throughout history; and
- (C) identify examples of key persons who were successful in shifting political thought, including William Wilberforce.

~~(21)~~~~(22)~~ Citizenship. The student understands the historical development of significant legal and political concepts related to the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The student is expected to:

- (A) summarize the development of the rule of law from ancient to modern times;
- Comment** ⁹(B) identify the origins influence of ideas regarding the right to a "trial by a jury of your peers" and the concepts of "innocent until proven guilty" and "equality before the law" ~~that originated from the Judeo-Christian legal tradition and in Greece and Rome~~ ;
- (C) identify examples of politically motivated mass murders such as in Cambodia, China, Latin America, the Soviet Union, and Armenia;
- (D) identify examples of genocide, including the Holocaust and genocide in the Balkans, Rwanda, and Darfur;
- (E) identify examples of individuals who led resistance to political oppression such as Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, ~~Oscar Romero, Natan Sharansky~~, Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, and Chinese student protestors in Tiananmen Square; and

⁷ The WG reviewed the previous WG response to SBOE comment. We agree with the revisions stated because specifics regarding the Judeo-Christian legal tradition are included in 20B and the clarification focuses what teachers will cover without adding in extra topics beyond the intent of this KS. [45 minutes]

⁸ The WG agrees with the changes made in response to SBOE comment made by previous workgroup.

⁹ The WG reviewed the previous WG response to SBOE comment. We recommend that the deletion remain because there are multiple influences to these ideas. By broadening the SE we allow teachers to cover these important concepts while considering a wide variety of origins including Judeo-Christian legal traditions as listed in 20B. [60 minutes]

Comment ¹⁰(F) ~~identify~~ ~~assess the degree to which~~ ~~examples of~~ American ideals that have advanced human rights and democratic ideals throughout the world.

- (22)(23) Culture. The student understands the history and relevance of major religious and philosophical traditions. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the historical origins and central ideas in *the development of monotheism*;
 - (B)(A) describe the historical origins, central ideas, and spread of major religious and philosophical traditions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism; ~~and the development of monotheism~~ ; and
 - (C)(B) identify examples of religious influence on various events referenced in the major eras of world history.
- (23)(24) Culture. The student understands the roles of women, children, and families in different historical cultures. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the changing roles of women, children, and families during major eras of world history; and
 - (B) describe the major influences of women *during major eras of world history* such as Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Mother Teresa, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, and Golda Meir *during major eras of world history* .
- (24)(25) Culture. The student understands how the development of ideas has influenced institutions and societies. The student is expected to:
- (A) summarize the fundamental ideas and institutions of Eastern civilizations that originated in China and India;
 - (B) summarize the fundamental ideas and institutions of Western civilizations that originated in Greece and Rome;
 - (C) explain how the relationship ~~between among~~ Christianity, and Humanism individualism, and growing secularism that began with the Renaissance, ~~and how the relationship~~ influenced subsequent political developments; and
 - (D) explain how developments in Islam influenced ~~influences~~ law and government in the Muslim world such as secularism, nationalism, and fundamentalism .
- (25)(26) Culture. The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. The student is expected to:
- (A) ~~identify significant examples of art and architecture that demonstrate an artistic ideal or visual principle from selected cultures;~~
 - (A)(B) analyze examples of how art, architecture, literature, music, and drama reflect the history of the cultures in which they are produced; and
 - (B)(C) describe ~~identify~~ examples of art, music, and literature that transcend the cultures in which they were created and convey universal themes.
- (26)(27) Science, technology, and society. The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations affected societies prior to 1750. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify the origin and diffusion of major ideas in mathematics, science, and technology that occurred in river valley civilizations, classical Greece and Rome, classical India, ~~and~~

¹⁰ WG reviewed the responses made by previous WG to SBOE comments. We agree with the suggested change and provided further clarity on the intent of the SE that more accurately reflects the KS and reduces instructional time due to the SE verb changing from assess to identify. [90 minutes]

the Islamic caliphates between 700 and 1200, and in China from the Tang to Ming dynasties;

- (B) summarize the major ideas in astronomy, mathematics, and architectural engineering that developed in the Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations;
- (C) explain the impact of the printing press on the Renaissance and the Reformation in Europe;
- (D) describe the origins of the Scientific Revolution in 16th century Europe and explain its impact on scientific thinking worldwide; and
- (E) identify the contributions of significant scientists such as Archimedes, Copernicus, Eratosthenes, Galileo, Pythagoras, Isaac Newton, and Robert Boyle.

~~(27)~~(28) Science, technology, and society. The student understands how major scientific and mathematical discoveries and technological innovations have affected societies from 1750 to the present. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the role of textile manufacturing, ~~and~~ steam technology, ~~development in initiating the Industrial Revolution and the role~~ of the factory system, and transportation technology in ~~advancing~~ the Industrial Revolution;
- (B) explain the roles of military technology, transportation technology, communication technology, and medical advancements in initiating and advancing 19th century imperialism;
- (C) explain the effects of major new military technologies on World War I, World War II, and the Cold War;
- (D) explain the role of telecommunication technology, computer technology, transportation technology, and medical advancements in developing the modern global economy and society; and
- (E) identify the contributions of significant scientists and inventors such as Marie Curie, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Louis Pasteur, and James Watt.

Comment ¹¹~~(28)~~(29) Social studies skills. The student understands how historians use historiography to interpret the past and applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of valid sources, including ~~digital~~ ~~electronic~~ technology. The student is expected to:

Comment ¹²(A) identify methods used by archaeologists, anthropologists, historians, and geographers to analyze evidence;

Comment ¹³(B) explain how historians ~~, such as archaeologists, anthropologists, and geographers when examining~~ analyze sources ~~; for~~ analyze frame of reference, historical context, and point of view to interpret historical events;

(C) ~~explain the differences between primary and secondary sources and~~ examine primary and secondary ~~these~~ sources to analyze frame of reference, historical context, and point of view;

Comment ¹⁴(D) evaluate the validity of a source based on bias, ~~language~~, corroboration with other sources, and information about the author;

~~(E) — identify bias in written, oral, and visual material;~~

~~(E)~~(F) analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making

¹¹ This clarification was added to create vertical alignment with 11th grade and other grade levels.

¹² After clarifying the KS we decided that this SE needed to be reinstated.

¹³ The list was moved back to 29A (see note 12) and the remaining clarifications were kept

¹⁴ Language does not determine the validity of a source.

generalizations and predictions, drawing inferences and conclusions, and developing connections between historical events over time; and

~~(F)(G)~~ construct a thesis on a social studies issue or event supported by evidence . ~~;~~ and

Comment ¹⁵~~(H)~~ — use appropriate reading and mathematical skills to interpret social studies information such as maps and graphs.

(29) Social studies skills. Geography. The student uses geographic skills and tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. The student is expected to:

(A) create and interpret thematic maps, graphs, and charts to demonstrate the relationship between geography and the historical development of a region or nation; and

(B) analyze and compare geographic distributions and patterns in world history shown on maps, graphs, charts, and models.

(30) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:

(A) use social studies terminology correctly;

(B) use effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism ~~standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation~~ ; and

(C) interpret and create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information . ~~;~~ and

~~(D) — transfer information from one medium to another.~~

(31) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others , ~~in a variety of settings~~ . The student is expected to :

Comment ¹⁶~~(A)~~ use ~~a~~ problem-solving and decision-making processes ~~process~~ to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution . ~~;~~ and

~~(B) — use a decision making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences, and take action to implement a decision.~~

¹⁵ Mathematical and reading skills are inherently used in SEs throughout the social studies skills strand.

¹⁶ Combining 31A and B streamlines the vertical alignment of this skill through grade 12 by using the language from World Geography 23C. This WG has determined that the steps used in problem solving and decision making are so similar that it is not necessary to repeat the skills in separate standards.

§113.43. World Geography Studies (One Credit), Adopted 2018 ~~Beginning with School Year 2011-2012.~~

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one unit of credit for successful completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.
 - (1) In World Geography Studies, students examine people, places, and environments at local, regional, national, and international scales from the spatial and ecological perspectives of geography. Students describe the influence of geography on events of the past and present with emphasis on contemporary issues. A significant portion of the course centers around the physical processes that shape patterns in the physical environment; the characteristics of major landforms, climates, and ecosystems and their interrelationships; the political, economic, and social processes that shape cultural patterns of regions; types and patterns of settlement; the distribution and movement of the world population; relationships among people, places, and environments; and the concept of region. Students analyze how location affects economic activities in different economic systems. Students identify the processes that influence political divisions of the planet and analyze how different points of view affect the development of public policies. Students compare how components of culture shape the characteristics of regions and analyze the impact of technology and human modifications on the physical environment. Students use problem-solving and decision-making skills to ask and answer geographic questions.
 - (2) To support the teaching of the essential knowledge and skills, the use of a variety of rich primary and secondary source material such as contemporary and historic maps of various types, satellite-produced images, photographs, graphs, map sketches, and diagrams is encouraged.
 - (3) The eight strands of the essential knowledge and skills for social studies are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes. Skills listed in the social studies skills strand in subsection (c) of this section should be incorporated into the teaching of all essential knowledge and skills for social studies. A greater depth of understanding of complex content material can be attained when integrated social studies content from the various disciplines and critical-thinking skills are taught together. Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
 - (4) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.
 - (5) Throughout social studies in Kindergarten-Grade 12, students build a foundation in history; geography; economics; government; citizenship; culture; science, technology, and society; and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).
 - (6) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.
 - (7) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
 - (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.

- (B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."
- (8) Students identify and discuss how the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have either met or failed to meet the ideals espoused in the founding documents.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) History. The student understands how geography and processes of spatial exchange (diffusion) influenced events in the past and helped to shape the present. The student is expected to:
- Comment**¹(A) analyze ~~the effects of physical and human geographic patterns and processes on the past and describe their impact on the present, including~~ significant physical features and environmental conditions that have influenced the past, migration patterns, and shaped the distribution of culture groups today; and
- (B) trace the spatial diffusion of phenomena such as the Columbian Exchange or the diffusion of American popular culture and describe the effects on regions of contact.
- (2) History. The student understands how people, places, and environments have changed over time and the effects of these changes. The student is expected to:
- Comment**²(A) describe the human and physical characteristics of the same regions at different periods of time to analyze evaluate relationships between past events and current conditions; and
- (B) explain how changes in societies such as population shifts, technological advancements, and environmental policies have led to diverse uses of physical features over time such as terrace farming, dams, and polders.
- (3) Geography. The student understands how physical processes shape patterns in the physical environment. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain weather conditions and climate in relation to annual changes in Earth-Sun relationships;
- (B) describe the physical processes that affect the environments of regions, including weather, tectonic forces, erosion, and soil-building processes; and
- (C) examine the physical processes that affect the lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere such as hurricanes, El Niño, earthquakes, and volcanoes.
- (4) Geography. The student understands the patterns and characteristics of major landforms, climates, and ecosystems of Earth and the interrelated processes that produce them. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain how elevation, latitude, wind systems, ocean currents, position on a continent, and mountain barriers influence temperature, precipitation, and distribution of climate regions;
- (B) describe different landforms such as plains, mountains, and islands and the physical processes that cause their development; and
- (C) explain the influence of climate on the distribution of biomes in different regions.

¹ Clarified the SE in order to ensure alignment to the KS.

² This SE took students from describe to evaluate. Evaluate was changed to analyze in order to save instructional time [45 mins].

(5) Geography. The student understands how political, economic, and social processes shape cultural patterns and characteristics in various places and regions. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze how the character of a place is related to its political, economic, social, and cultural elements; and

Comment³(B) interpret political, economic, social, and demographic indicators (gross domestic product per capita, life expectancy, literacy, and infant mortality) to determine the level of development and standard of living in nations using the [levels as defined by the terms](#) Human Development Index, ~~less developed, newly industrialized, and more developed~~.

(6) Geography. The student understands the types, patterns, and processes of settlement. The student is expected to:

(A) locate and describe human and physical features that influence the size and distribution of settlements; and

(B) explain the processes that have caused changes in settlement patterns, including urbanization, transportation, access to and availability of resources, and economic activities.

(7) Geography. The student understands the growth, distribution, movement, and characteristics of world population. The student is expected to:

(A) ~~construct and~~ analyze population pyramids and use other data, graphics, and maps to describe the population characteristics of different societies and to predict future population trends;

(B) explain how [physical geography and push and pull factors](#), [including](#) political, economic, social, and environmental [conditions](#), ~~push and pull factors and physical geography~~ affect the routes and flows of human migration;

(C) describe trends in world population growth and distribution; and

(D) examine [how benefits and challenges of globalization affects](#), ~~including~~ connectivity, standard of living, pandemics, and loss of local culture.

(8) Geography. The student understands how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent. The student is expected to:

(A) compare ways that humans depend on, adapt to, and modify the physical environment, including the influences of culture and technology;

(B) ~~describe the interaction between humans and the physical environment and~~ analyze the consequences of extreme weather and other natural disasters such as El Niño, floods, tsunamis, and volcanoes [on people and their environment](#); and

(C) evaluate the economic and political relationships between settlements and the environment, including sustainable development and renewable/non-renewable resources.

(9) Geography. The student understands the concept of region as an area of Earth's surface with related geographic characteristics. The student is expected to:

(A) identify physical and/or human factors such as climate, vegetation, language, trade networks, political units, river systems, and religion that constitute a region; and

(B) describe different types of regions, including formal, functional, and perceptual regions.

(10) Economics. The student understands the distribution, characteristics, and interactions of the economic systems in the world. The student is expected to:

³ The Human Development Index (HDI) shifted away from the terms deleted in 2010. The change made ensures that if teachers use current instructional materials or recent HDI reports that they remain focused on the SE as it now reads. [no change]

- Comment** ⁴(A) describe the forces that determine the distribution of goods and services in [traditional](#) , free enterprise, socialist, and communist economic systems;
- (B) classify ~~where specific~~ countries ~~fall~~ along the economic spectrum between free enterprise and communism;
- (C) compare the ways people satisfy their basic needs through the production of goods and services such as subsistence agriculture versus commercial agriculture or cottage industries versus commercial industries; and
- (D) compare global trade patterns over time and examine the implications of globalization, including outsourcing and free trade zones.
- (11) Economics. The student understands how geography influences economic activities. The student is expected to:
- (A) understand the connections between levels of development and economic activities (primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary);
- (B) identify the factors affecting the location of different types of economic activities, including subsistence and commercial agriculture, manufacturing, and service industries; and
- (C) assess how changes in climate, resources, and infrastructure (technology, transportation, and communication) affect the location and patterns of economic activities.
- (12) Economics. The student understands the economic importance of, and issues related to, the location and management of resources. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze how the creation, distribution, and management of key natural resources affects the location and patterns of movement of products, money, and people; and
- (B) evaluate the geographic and economic impact of policies related to the development, use, and scarcity of natural resources such as regulations of water.
- (13) Government. The student understands the spatial characteristics of a variety of global political units. The student is expected to:
- (A) interpret maps to explain the division of land, including man-made and natural borders, into separate political units such as cities, states, or countries; and
- (B) compare maps of voting patterns [and](#) ~~of~~ political boundaries to make inferences about the distribution of political power.
- (14) Government. The student understands the processes that influence political divisions, relationships, and policies. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze current events to infer the physical and human processes that lead to the formation of boundaries and other political divisions;
- (B) compare how democracy, dictatorship, monarchy, republic, theocracy, and totalitarian systems operate in specific countries; and
- (C) analyze the human and physical factors that influence ~~the power to~~ control [of territories](#) ~~territory~~ and resources, ~~create~~ conflict/war, and ~~impact~~ international ~~political~~ relations of sovereign nations such as China, the United States, Japan, and Russia and [international organizations](#) ~~organized nation groups~~ such as the United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU).

⁴ This clarification creates alignment between this SE and SE WG.18.C which requires an understanding of traditional economic systems in order for a student to show mastery. [15 mins]

- (15) Citizenship. The student understands how different points of view influence the development of public policies and decision-making processes ~~at on local, state,~~ national and international levels. The student is expected to:
- (A) identify and give examples of different points of view that influence the development of public policies and decision-making processes at ~~on local, state,~~ national and international levels; and
 - (B) explain how citizenship practices, public policies, and decision making may be influenced by cultural beliefs, including nationalism and patriotism.

- (16) Culture. The student understands how the components of culture affect the way people live and shape the characteristics of regions. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe distinctive cultural patterns and landscapes associated with different places in Texas, the United States, and other regions of the world and how these patterns influenced the processes of innovation and diffusion;
 - (B) describe elements of culture, including language, religion, beliefs, ~~and customs,~~ institutions, and technologies; ~~and~~
 - ~~(C) — explain ways various groups of people perceive the characteristics of their own and other cultures, places, and regions differently; and~~

Comment ⁵~~(C)(D)~~ ~~describe compare~~ life in a variety of urban and rural areas in the world to ~~compare evaluate~~ political, economic, social, and environmental changes.

- (17) Culture. The student understands the distribution, patterns, and characteristics of different cultures. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe and compare patterns of culture such as language, religion, land use, education, and customs that make specific regions of the world distinctive;

Comment ⁶(B) describe ~~central ideas and spatial distribution of major religious traditions major world religious beliefs religions~~, including ~~animism,~~ Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and Sikhism ~~, and their spatial distribution~~ ;

- (C) compare economic, political, or social opportunities in different cultures for ~~women, ethnic and religious minorities, and other~~ underrepresented populations ~~such as women and ethnic and religious minorities~~ ; and
 - (D) evaluate the experiences and contributions of diverse groups to multicultural societies.
- (18) Culture. The student understands the ways in which cultures change and maintain continuity. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze cultural changes in specific regions caused by migration, war, trade, innovations, and diffusion;
 - (B) assess causes ~~, and~~ effects ~~, and perceptions~~ of conflicts between groups of people, including modern genocides and terrorism;
 - (C) identify examples of cultures that maintain traditional ways, including traditional economies; and
 - (D) evaluate the spread of cultural traits to find examples of cultural convergence and divergence such as the spread of democratic ideas, ~~U.S.-based fast food franchises, the English~~ language, ~~foods,~~ technology, or global sports.

⁵ The clarification of the two verbs in this SE aligns the process of learning to the KS. This clarification helps make the intent of the SE clearer. [30 minutes]

⁶ This clarification creates alignment with the world history course (WH.23.B) without adding any additional knowledge required in world geography. [30 minutes]

- (19) Science, technology, and society. The student understands the impact of technology and human modifications on the physical environment. The student is expected to:
- (A) evaluate the significance of major technological innovations in the areas of transportation and energy that have been used to modify the physical environment;
 - (B) analyze ways technological innovations such as air conditioning and desalinization have allowed humans to adapt to places; and
 - (C) examine the environmental, economic, and social impacts of advances in technology on agriculture and natural resources.
- (20) Science, technology, and society. The student understands how current technology affects human interaction. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe the impact of new information technologies such as the Internet, Global Positioning System (GPS), or Geographic Information Systems (GIS); and
 - (B) examine the economic, environmental, and social effects of technology such as medical advancements or changing trade patterns on societies at different levels of development.

Comment ⁷(21) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including ~~digital~~ ~~electronic~~ technology. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze and evaluate the validity and utility of multiple sources of geographic information such as primary and secondary sources, aerial photographs, and maps;
- (B) ~~identify~~ ~~locate~~ places of contemporary geopolitical significance on a map; ~~and~~
- (C) create and interpret different types of maps to answer geographic questions, infer relationships, and analyze change; ~~-~~

Comment ⁸(D) analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, drawing inferences and conclusions, and developing connections over time; and

Comment ⁹(E) identify different points of view about an issue or current topic.

- (22) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:
- (A) ~~create~~ ~~design and draw~~ appropriate graphics such as maps, diagrams, tables, and graphs to communicate geographic features, distributions, and relationships;
 - (B) generate summaries, generalizations, and thesis statements supported by evidence;

Comment ¹⁰(C) use social studies geographic terminology correctly; and

~~(D) — use standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation; and~~

~~(D)~~(E) create original work using effective written communication skills, including proper citations and understanding and avoiding plagiarism.

- (23) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others ~~, in a variety of settings~~ . The student is expected to:

⁷ Vertically aligns with changes made across Skills Strand. It also scaffolds the grade appropriate skill level.

⁸ This SE appears for the first time in 4th grade and is included word for word in each grade level from 4-12 except world geography. The WG felt like these skills were already a major part of the world geography course so the inclusion directs teachers to continue working on this vertical alignment piece.

⁹ This SE appears in each grade level from 4-12 as relevant to each course except within world geography. We borrowed the language from the current world cultures (6th grade) SE in order to maintain alignment.

¹⁰ This was changed to VA with other grade levels. [no time change]

- (A) plan, organize, and complete a research project that involves asking geographic questions; acquiring, organizing, and analyzing information; answering questions; and communicating results;
- (B) use case studies and GIS to identify contemporary challenges and to answer real-world questions; and
- (C) use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution.

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§113.44. United States Government (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2018 ~~Beginning with School Year 2011-2012.~~

- (a) General requirements. Students shall be awarded one-half unit of credit for successful completion of this course.
- (b) Introduction.
- (1) In United States Government, the focus is on the principles and beliefs upon which the United States was founded and on the structure, functions, and powers of government at the national, state, and local levels. This course is the culmination of the civic and governmental content and concepts studied from Kindergarten through required secondary courses. Students learn major political ideas and forms of government in history. A significant focus of the course is on the U.S. Constitution, its underlying principles and ideas, and the form of government it created. Students analyze major concepts of republicanism, federalism, checks and balances, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights and compare the U.S. system of government with other political systems. Students identify the role of government in the U.S. free enterprise system and examine the strategic importance of places to the United States. Students analyze the impact of individuals, political parties, interest groups, and the media on the American political system, evaluate the importance of voluntary individual participation in a constitutional republic, and analyze the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Students examine the relationship between governmental policies and the culture of the United States. Students identify examples of government policies that encourage scientific research and use critical-thinking skills to create a product on a contemporary government issue.
 - (2) To support the teaching of the essential knowledge and skills, the use of a variety of rich primary and secondary source material such as the complete text of the U.S. Constitution, selected Federalist Papers, landmark cases of the U.S. Supreme Court (such as those studied in Grade 8 and U.S. History Since 1877), biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, speeches, letters, and periodicals that feature analyses of political issues and events is encouraged.
 - (3) The eight strands of the essential knowledge and skills for social studies are intended to be integrated for instructional purposes. Skills listed in the social studies skills strand in subsection (c) of this section should be incorporated into the teaching of all essential knowledge and skills for social studies. A greater depth of understanding of complex content material can be attained when integrated social studies content from the various disciplines and critical-thinking skills are taught together. Statements that contain the word "including" reference content that must be mastered, while those containing the phrase "such as" are intended as possible illustrative examples.
 - (4) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.
 - (5) Throughout social studies in Kindergarten-Grade 12, students build a foundation in history; geography; economics; government; citizenship; culture; science, technology, and society; and social studies skills. The content, as appropriate for the grade level or course, enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).
 - (6) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.
 - (7) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
 - (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence

must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.

- (B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."
- (8) Students identify and discuss how the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have either met or failed to meet the ideals espoused in the founding documents.
- (c) Knowledge and skills.
- (1) History. The student understands how constitutional government, as developed in America and expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution, has been influenced by ideas, people, and historical documents. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain major political ideas in history, including the laws of nature and nature's God, unalienable rights, divine right of kings, social contract theory, and the rights of resistance to illegitimate government;
- Comment** ¹(B) identify major intellectual, philosophical, political, and religious traditions that informed the American founding, including ~~Judeo-Christian (especially biblical law)~~, English common law and constitutionalism, Enlightenment, and republicanism, as they address issues of liberty, rights, and responsibilities of individuals;
- Comment** ²(C) identify the individuals whose principles of laws and government institutions informed the American founding documents, including those of ~~Moses~~, William Blackstone, John Locke, ~~and~~ Charles de Montesquieu, and Thomas Hobbes ;
- (D) identify the contributions of the political philosophies of the Founding Fathers, including John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Jay, George Mason, Roger Sherman, and James Wilson, on the development of the U.S. government;
- (E) examine debates and compromises that impacted the creation of the founding documents; and
- (F) identify significant individuals in the field of government and politics, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Ronald Reagan.
- (2) History. The student understands the roles played by individuals, political parties, interest groups, and the media in the U.S. political system, past and present. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe ~~give examples of~~ the processes used by individuals, political parties, interest groups, or the media to affect public policy; and
- (B) analyze the impact of political changes brought about by individuals, political parties, interest groups, or the media, past and present.

¹WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE Comment. Judeo-Christian traditions will be brought up when studying English common law and tracing this heritage is better suited in a World History course (see WH 19B) [30 minutes]

²Moses represents Judeo-Christian evident in Blackstone and Locke's work. Including him as an individual to be taught requires government educators to address too much history. [30 minutes]

- (3) Geography. The student understands how geography can influence U.S. political divisions and policies. The student is expected to:
- (A) explain ~~understand~~ how population shifts affect voting patterns;
 - (B) examine political boundaries to make inferences regarding the distribution of political power; and
 - (C) explain how political divisions are crafted and how they are affected by Supreme Court decisions such as Baker v. Carr.

Comment ³(4) ~~Geography. The student understands why certain places or regions are important to the United States. The student is expected to:~~

- ~~(A) identify the significance to the United States of the location and key natural resources of selected global places or regions; and~~
- ~~(B) analyze how U.S. foreign policy affects selected places and regions.~~

~~(4)~~(5) Economics. The student understands the roles played by local, state, and national governments in both the public and private sectors of the U.S. free enterprise system. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain how government fiscal, ~~monetary~~, and regulatory policies influence the economy at the local, state, and national levels; and
- ~~(B) identify the sources of revenue and expenditures of the U. S. government and analyze their impact on the U.S. economy;~~

Comment ⁴(C) ~~compare the role of government in the U.S. free enterprise system and other economic systems; and~~

- ~~(B)~~(D) explain ~~understand~~ how government taxation, expenditures, and regulation can influence the United States economy and impact ~~serve as restrictions to~~ private enterprise.

~~(5)~~(6) Economics. The student understands the relationship between U.S. government policies and the economy. The student is expected to:

- (A) examine how ~~the U.S. government uses~~ economic and natural resources influence U.S. ~~in~~ foreign policy; and
- (B) describe ~~understand~~ the roles of the executive and legislative branches in setting international trade and fiscal policies.

~~(6)~~(7) Government. The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution and why these are significant. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the importance of a written constitution;
- (B) explain ~~evaluate~~ how the federal government serves the purposes set forth in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution;
- (C) analyze how the Federalist Papers such as Number 10, ~~Number 39~~, and Number 51 explain the principles of the American constitutional system of government;
- (D) evaluate constitutional provisions for limiting the role of government, including republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights;
- (E) describe the constitutionally prescribed procedures by which the U.S. Constitution can be changed and analyze the role of the amendment process in a constitutional government; and

³ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE Comment.

⁴ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE Comment.

Comment ⁵(F) identify how the American beliefs and principles reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution ~~contribute to both a national identity and federal identity and~~ are embodied in the United States today. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~(G)~~ *examine the reasons the Founding Fathers protected religious freedom in America and guaranteed its free exercise by saying that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," and compare and contrast this to the phrase, "separation of church and state."*

~~(7)~~⁽⁸⁾ Government. The student understands the structure and functions of the government created by the U.S. Constitution. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze the structure and functions of the legislative branch of government, including the bicameral structure of Congress, the role of committees, and the procedure for enacting laws;
- (B) analyze the structure and functions of the executive branch of government, including the constitutional powers of the president, the growth of presidential power, and the role of the Cabinet and executive departments;
- (C) analyze the structure and functions of the judicial branch of government, including the federal court system, types of jurisdiction, and judicial review;
- (D) identify the purpose of selected independent executive agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and regulatory commissions, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Federal Communications Commission (FCC);
- (E) explain how ~~certain~~ provisions of the U.S. Constitution provide for checks and balances among the three branches of government;
- (F) analyze selected issues raised by judicial activism and judicial restraint;
- (G) explain the major responsibilities of the federal government for domestic and foreign policy such as national defense; and
- (H) compare the structures, functions, and processes of national, state, and local governments in the U.S. federal system.

~~(8)~~⁽⁹⁾ Government. The student understands the concept of federalism. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain why the Founding Fathers created a distinctly new form of federalism and adopted a federal system of government instead of a unitary system;
- (B) categorize government powers as national, state, or shared;
- (C) analyze historical and contemporary conflicts over the respective roles of national and state governments; and
- (D) explain how U.S. constitutional provisions limit the power of national and state governments ~~understand the limits on the national and state governments in the U.S. federal system of government~~.

~~(9)~~⁽¹⁰⁾ Government. The student understands the processes for filling public offices in the U.S. system of government. The student is expected to:

- (A) identify ~~compare~~ different methods of filling public offices, including elected and appointed offices at the local, state, and national levels;
- (B) explain the process of electing the president of the United States and analyze the Electoral College; and

⁵ Streamlines and clarifies the intent of the standard. [30 minutes]

(C) analyze the impact of the passage of the 17th Amendment.

~~(10)(11)~~ Government. The student understands the role of political parties in the U.S. system of government. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze the functions of political parties and their role in the electoral process at local, state, and national levels; and

(B) explain the two-party system and evaluate the role of third parties in the United States ~~;~~ and

Comment ⁶~~(C)~~ ~~identify opportunities for citizens to participate in political party activities at local, state, and national levels.~~

Comment ⁷~~(11)(12)~~ Government. The student understands the similarities and differences that exist among the U.S. system of government and other political systems. The student is expected to:

(A) define ~~compare the U.S. constitutional republic to~~ historical and contemporary forms of government such as monarchy, a classical republic, authoritarian, socialist, direct democracy, theocracy, tribal, and other republics;

Comment ⁸(B) analyze advantages and disadvantages of federal, confederate, and unitary systems of government; and

(C) analyze advantages and disadvantages of presidential and parliamentary systems of government.

~~(12)(13)~~ Citizenship. The student understands rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The student is expected to:

(A) explain ~~understand~~ the roles of limited government and the rule of law in the protection of individual rights;

(B) identify and define the unalienable rights;

(C) identify the freedoms and rights guaranteed by each amendment in the Bill of Rights;

Comment ⁹~~(D)~~ examine the reasons the Founding Fathers addressed ~~protected~~ religious freedom in America by including the establishment clause and free exercise clause; ~~and guaranteed its free exercise by saying that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," and compare and contrast this to the phrase, "separation of church and state."~~

~~(E)(D)~~ analyze U.S. Supreme Court interpretations of rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution in selected cases, including Engel v. Vitale, Schenck v. United States, Texas v. Johnson, Miranda v. Arizona, Gideon v. Wainwright, Mapp v. Ohio, and Roe v. Wade;

~~(F)(E)~~ explain the importance of due process rights to the protection of individual rights and in limiting the powers of government; and

~~(G)(F)~~ recall the conditions that produced the 14th Amendment and describe subsequent efforts to selectively extend some of the Bill of Rights to the states through ~~including the Blaine Amendment and~~ U.S. Supreme Court rulings ~~;~~ and analyze the impact on the scope of fundamental rights and federalism.

~~(13)(14)~~ Citizenship. The student understands the difference between personal and civic responsibilities. The student is expected to:

⁶ Redundant, addressed in 2A and 2B. [15 minutes]

⁷ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE.

⁸ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE.

⁹ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE.

Comment ¹⁰(A) — ~~explain the importance of difference between personal and civic responsibilities;~~

(A)(B) describe scenarios where good citizenship may require the subordination of personal desire for the sake of ~~evaluate whether and/or when the obligation of citizenship requires that personal desires and interests be subordinated to~~ the public good;

Comment ¹¹(B)(C) explain ~~evaluate~~ understand the responsibilities, duties, and obligations of citizenship such as being well informed about civic affairs, serving in the military, voting, serving on a jury, observing the laws, paying taxes, and serving the public good; and

(C)(D) describe ~~understand~~ the voter registration process and the criteria for voting in elections.

(14)(15) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of voluntary individual participation in the U.S. constitutional republic. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze the effectiveness of various methods of participation in the political process at local, state, and national levels;

(B) analyze historical and contemporary examples of citizen movements to bring about political change or to maintain continuity; and

Comment ¹²(C) describe ~~identify and understand~~ the factors that influence an individual's political attitudes and actions.

(15)(16) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to:

(A) examine different points of view of political parties and interest groups such as the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the National Rifle Association (NRA), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on important contemporary issues; and

(B) analyze the importance of the First Amendment rights of petition, assembly, speech, and press and the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

(16)(17) **Culture.** The student understands the relationship between government policies and the culture of the United States. The student is expected to:

(A) evaluate a U.S. government policy or court decision that has affected a particular racial, ethnic, or religious group such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Supreme Court cases of *Hernandez v. Texas* and *Grutter v. Bollinger*; and

(B) explain changes in American culture brought about by government policies such as voting rights, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (GI Bill of Rights), the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, affirmative action, and racial integration.

(17)(18) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the role the government plays in developing policies and establishing conditions that influence scientific discoveries and technological innovations. The student is expected to:

(A) explain ~~understand~~ how U.S. constitutional protections such as patents have fostered competition and entrepreneurship; and

(B) identify examples of government-assisted research that, when shared with the private sector, have resulted in improved consumer products such as computer and communication technologies.

(18)(19) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the impact of advances in science and technology on government ~~and society~~. The student is expected to:

¹⁰ The SE is redundant with the KS and Gov (old)13.B [10 minutes]

¹¹ Change verb to better reflect desired student learning. [60 minutes]

¹² Describe includes identification. [no change]

- Comment** ¹³(A) ~~describe analyze understand~~ the potential impact ~~on government policy~~ ~~society~~ of recent scientific discoveries and technological innovations ~~on government policy~~; and
- (B) evaluate the impact of the Internet and other electronic information on the political process.

Comment ¹⁴(~~19~~)(~~20~~) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including ~~digital~~ ~~electronic~~ technology. The student is expected to:

- (A) 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;
- (B) create a product on a contemporary government issue or topic using critical methods of inquiry;
- (C) analyze and defend a point of view on a current political issue;
- (D) analyze and evaluate the validity of information, arguments, and counterarguments from primary and secondary sources for bias, propaganda, point of view, and frame of reference; and
- (E) evaluate government data using charts, tables, graphs, and maps ~~;~~ ~~and~~

Comment ¹⁵(~~F~~) ~~use appropriate mathematical skills to interpret social studies information such as maps and graphs.~~

(~~20~~)(~~21~~) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:

- (A) use social studies terminology correctly; and
- (~~B~~) ~~use standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation;~~

Comment ¹⁶(~~C~~) ~~transfer information from one medium to another, including written to visual and statistical to written or visual, using computer software as appropriate; and~~

Comment ¹⁷(~~B~~)(~~D~~) create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information using effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism .

(~~21~~)(~~22~~) Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others ~~;~~ ~~in a variety of settings~~. The student is expected to ~~;~~

Comment ¹⁸(~~A~~) use ~~a~~ problem-solving and decision-making processes ~~process~~ to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution ~~;~~ ~~and~~

- (~~B~~) ~~use a decision making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences, and take action to implement a decision.~~

¹³ Clarifies the verb and changes in language to align with the depth of knowledge to meet the KS. [60 minutes]

¹⁴ In response to SBOE comment, WG removed the term digital. Vertically aligns with changes made across Skills Strand. It also scaffolds the grade appropriate skill level. [no change]

¹⁵ Mathematical skills are inherently used in SEs throughout the social studies skills strand.

¹⁶ This SE is redundant; this skill is already covered in multiple places.

¹⁷ This deletion was made to VA with US History and Economics.

¹⁸ Combining new 21A and B streamlines the vertical alignment of this skill through grade 12 by using the language from World Geography 23C. This WG has determined that the steps used in problem solving and decision making are so similar that it is not necessary to repeat the skills in separate standards.

§113.31 §118.4. Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits, High School (One-Half Credit), Adopted 2018 Beginning with School Year 2011-2012.

- (a) General requirements. This course will be taught in the social studies department and is recommended to be taught in Grade 12.
- (b) Introduction.
 - (1) Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits is the culmination of the economic content and concepts studied from Kindergarten through required secondary courses. The focus is on the basic principles concerning production, consumption, and distribution of goods and services (the problem of scarcity) in the United States and a comparison with those in other countries around the world. Students analyze the interaction of supply, demand, and price. Students will investigate the concepts of specialization and international trade, economic growth, key economic measurements, and monetary and fiscal policy. Students will study the roles of the Federal Reserve System and other financial institutions, government, and businesses in a free enterprise system. Types of business ownership and market structures are discussed. The course also incorporates instruction in personal financial literacy. Students apply critical-thinking skills using economic concepts to evaluate the costs and benefits of economic issues.
 - (2) Students identify the role of the U.S. free enterprise system within the parameters of this course and understand that this system may also be referenced as capitalism or the free market system.
 - (3) Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits builds upon the foundation in economics and social studies laid by the social studies essential knowledge and skills in Kindergarten-Grade 12. The course will apply these skills to current economic situations. The content enables students to understand the importance of patriotism, function in a free enterprise society, and appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation as referenced in the Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(h).
 - (4) Students understand that a constitutional republic is a representative form of government whose representatives derive their authority from the consent of the governed, serve for an established tenure, and are sworn to uphold the constitution.
 - (5) As referenced in House Bill 492, an act of the Texas Legislature signed into law in 2005, the concepts of personal financial literacy are to be mastered by students in order that they may become self-supporting adults who can make informed decisions relating to personal financial matters. These concepts are incorporated into the student expectations of Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and Its Benefits: understanding interest, avoiding and eliminating credit card debt; understanding the rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; managing money to make the transition from renting a home to home ownership; starting a small business; being a prudent investor in the stock market and using other investment options; beginning a savings program and planning for retirement; bankruptcy; types of bank accounts available to consumers and benefits of maintaining a bank account; balancing a checkbook; types of loans available to consumers and becoming a low-risk borrower; understanding insurance; and charitable giving.
 - (6) State and federal laws mandate a variety of celebrations and observances, including Celebrate Freedom Week.
 - (A) Each social studies class shall include, during Celebrate Freedom Week as provided under the TEC, §29.907, or during another full school week as determined by the board of trustees of a school district, appropriate instruction concerning the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, in their historical contexts. The study of the Declaration of Independence must include the study of the relationship of the ideas expressed in that document to subsequent American history, including the relationship of its ideas to the rich diversity of our people as a nation of immigrants, the American Revolution, the formulation of the U.S. Constitution, and the abolitionist movement, which led to the Emancipation Proclamation and the women's suffrage movement.

(B) Each school district shall require that, during Celebrate Freedom Week or other week of instruction prescribed under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, students in Grades 3-12 study and recite the following text: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness--That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

(7) Students identify and discuss how the actions of U.S. citizens and the local, state, and federal governments have either met or failed to meet the ideals espoused in the founding documents.

(c) Knowledge and skills.

(1) Economics. The student understands the concepts of scarcity and opportunity costs. The student is expected to:

(A) explain why scarcity and choice are basic economic problems faced by every society;

(B) describe how societies answer the basic economic questions : [what to produce, how to produce, and for whom to produce](#) ;

Comment ¹(C) describe the economic factors of production : [land, labor, capital, and entrepreneurship](#) ; and

(D) interpret a production-possibilities curve and [apply explain](#) the concepts of opportunity costs and scarcity.

(2) Economics. The student understands the interaction of supply, demand, and price. The student is expected to:

(A) understand the effect of changes in price on the quantity demanded and quantity supplied;

(B) identify the non-price determinants that create changes in supply and demand, which result in a new equilibrium price; and

(C) interpret a supply-and-demand graph using supply-and-demand schedules.

(3) Economics. The student understands the reasons for international trade and its importance to the United States and the global economy. The student is expected to:

(A) [apply explain](#) the concepts of absolute and comparative advantages;

Comment ²~~(B) — apply the concept of comparative advantage to explain why and how countries trade; and
(C) — analyze the impact of U.S. imports and exports on the United States and its trading partners.~~

Comment ³~~(4) — Economics. The student understands the issues of free trade and the effects of trade barriers. The student is expected to:~~

~~(B)~~^(A) compare the effects of free trade and trade barriers on economic activities , [including the benefits and costs of participating in international trade](#) ; [and](#)

~~(B) — evaluate the benefits and costs of participation in international free-trade agreements; and~~

(C) analyze the effects of changes in exchange rates on imports and exports.

~~(4)~~⁽⁵⁾ Economics. The student understands free enterprise, socialist, and communist economic systems. The student is expected to:

¹ Added descriptors for clarification of the factors of production. [no change]

² WG agrees with pervious WG comments to SBOE.

³ WG agrees with previous WG comments to SBOE.

- (A) ~~explain describe~~ the basic characteristics of economic systems, including property rights, incentives, economic freedom, competition, and the role of government;
- (B) compare current and historic examples of the free enterprise system, socialism, and communism using the basic characteristics of economic systems; and
- ~~(C) examine current examples of free enterprise, socialist, and communist economic systems;~~
- Comment** ⁴~~(D) understand that the terms free enterprise, free market, and capitalism are synonymous terms to describe the U.S. economic system; and~~
- ~~(C)(E)~~ analyze the contributions ~~importance~~ of various economic philosophers, including Friedrich Hayek, Milton Friedman, John Maynard Keynes, and Adam Smith, and their impact on the U.S. free enterprise system.
- ~~(5)(6)~~ Economics. The student understands the basic characteristics and benefits of a free enterprise system. The student is expected to:
- Comment** ⁵~~(A) explain the basic characteristics of the U.S. free enterprise system, including private property, incentives, economic freedom, competition, and the limited role of government;~~
- ~~(A)(B)~~ explain the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system, including individual freedom of consumers and producers, variety of goods, responsive prices, investment opportunities, and the creation of wealth; and
- ~~(B)(C)~~ analyze recent changes in the basic characteristics , including private property, incentives, economic freedom, competition, and the limited role of government of the U.S. economy ~~;~~ and
- ~~(D) analyze the costs and benefits of U.S. economic policies related to the economic goals of economic growth, stability, full employment, freedom, security, equity (equal opportunity versus equal outcome), and efficiency.~~
- ~~(6)(7)~~ Economics. The student understands the right to own, use, and dispose of private property. The student is expected to:
- (A) analyze the costs and benefits of the purchase, use, or disposal of personal and business property; and
- (B) identify and evaluate examples of restrictions that the government places on the use of business and individual property.
- ~~(7)(8)~~ Economics. The student understands the circular-flow model of the economy. The student is expected to:
- (A) interpret the roles of resource owners and firms in a circular-flow model of the economy and provide real-world examples to illustrate elements of the model; and
- (B) explain how government actions affect the circular-flow model ~~;~~ and
- ~~(C) explain how the circular-flow model is affected by the rest of the world.~~
- ~~(8)(9)~~ Economics. The student understands types of market structures. The student is expected to:
- (A) describe characteristics and give examples of pure competition, monopolistic competition, oligopoly, and monopoly; and

⁴ WG agrees with previous WG comments to SBOE. Teachers address synonymous terms in 4A and 4B. [no change]

⁵ Moved list of characteristics to new 5B to provide clarity. [no change]

Comment ⁶(B) identify ~~and evaluate ordinances and~~ regulations that apply to the establishment and operation of various types of market structures ~~businesses~~.

~~(9)~~(10) Economics. The student understands key economic measurements. The student is expected to:

- (A) interpret economic data, including unemployment rate, gross domestic product, gross domestic product per capita as a measure of national wealth, and rate of inflation; and
- (B) analyze business cycles using key economic indicators.

~~(10)~~(11) Economics. The student understands key components of economic growth. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze how productivity relates to growth;
- (B) analyze how technology relates to growth; and
- (C) analyze how trade relates to growth.

~~(11)~~(12) Economics. The student understands the role of money in an economy. The student is expected to:

- (A) describe the functions of money;
- (B) describe the characteristics of money, including commodity money, fiat money, and representative money; and
- (C) examine the positive and negative aspects of barter, currency, ~~credit cards~~, and debit cards.

~~(12)~~(13) Economics. The student understands the role of the Federal Reserve System in establishing monetary policy. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the structure of the Federal Reserve System;
- (B) analyze the three basic tools used to implement U.S. monetary policy, including reserve requirements, the discount rate and the federal funds rate target, and open-market operations;
- (C) explain how the actions of the Federal Reserve System affect the nation's money supply; and
- (D) analyze the decline in value of the U.S. dollar, including the abandonment of the gold standard.

~~(13)~~(14) Economics. The student understands the role that the government plays in the U.S. free enterprise system. The student is expected to:

Comment ⁷(A) ~~identify economic concepts in the U.S. Constitution, including property rights and taxation;~~

~~(A)~~(B) describe the role of government in the U.S. free enterprise system and the changes in that role over time; and

~~(C) evaluate government rules and regulations in the U.S. free enterprise system.~~

~~(B)~~ analyze the costs and benefits of U.S. economic policies, rules and regulations related to the economic goals of economic growth, stability, full employment, freedom, security, equity (equal opportunity versus equal outcome), and efficiency.

~~(14)~~(15) Economics. The student understands the economic impact of fiscal policy decisions at the local, state, and national levels. The student is expected to:

⁶ This WG has reinstated this SE. The previous move changed the intent of the SE and increased content to be covered. The change of deleting “businesses” to “market structures” and the deletion of “evaluate” brings the SE in line with the KS statement.

⁷ WG agrees with previous WG response to SBOE. Redundant addressed in 4A and 6A.

- (A) identify types of taxes at the local, state, and national levels and the economic importance of each;

Comment ⁸(B) explain ~~analyze~~ the categories of revenues and expenditures in the U.S. federal budget; and

- (C) analyze the impact of fiscal policy decisions on the economy.

~~(15)~~(16) Personal financial literacy. The student understands types of business ownership. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the characteristics of sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations; and
- (B) analyze the advantages and disadvantages of sole proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations . ;

Comment ⁹~~(C)~~ ~~analyze the economic rights and legal responsibilities of businesses, including establishing and operating various types of those involved in starting a small business. ; and~~

~~(D)~~ ~~explain how corporations raise money through stocks and bonds.~~

~~(16)~~(17) Personal financial literacy. The student understands the role of financial markets/institutions in saving, borrowing, and capital formation. The student is expected to:

- (A) explain the functions of financial institutions and how they affect households and businesses;

Comment ¹⁰(B) explain how the amount of savings in an economy is the basis of capital formation through stocks and bonds ;

- (C) analyze the role of interest and risk in allocating savings to its most productive use; and
- (D) examine the types of accounts available to consumers from financial institutions and the risks, monetary costs, and benefits of maintaining these accounts.

~~(17)~~(18) Personal financial literacy. The student understands the role of individuals in financial markets. The student is expected to:

Comment ¹¹(A) assess ways to be a wise investor in the stock market and in other personal investment options such as developing a personal retirement plan;

- (B) explain how to begin a savings program;

~~(C)~~ ~~examine investment options available in a personal retirement plan;~~

~~(C)~~~~(D)~~ demonstrate how to maintain a checking account, including reconciling a bank statement;

~~(D)~~~~(E)~~ identify the types of loans available to consumers;

~~(E)~~~~(F)~~ explain the responsibilities and obligations of borrowing money; and

~~(F)~~~~(G)~~ develop strategies to become a low-risk borrower by improving and understanding one's personal credit score.

~~(18)~~(19) Personal financial literacy. The student applies critical-thinking skills to analyze the costs and benefits of personal financial decisions. The student is expected to:

- (A) examine ways to avoid and eliminate credit card debt;

(B) evaluate the costs and benefits of declaring personal bankruptcy;

⁸ Clarifying verb to streamline instruction time and still address KS. [60 minutes]

⁹ The initial SE was not essential to master this course. The previous changes and additions to this SE added significant content that was also not essential to mastery of the course. [45 minutes]

¹⁰ This change was factually incorrect.

¹¹ This change clarifies the intent of the SE.

- (C) evaluate the costs and benefits of buying insurance; and
- (D) evaluate the costs and benefits of charitable giving.

~~(19)~~(20) Personal financial literacy. The student understands how to provide for basic needs while living within a budget. The student is expected to:

- (A) evaluate the costs and benefits of renting a home versus buying a home ; and
- ~~(B) — evaluate the costs and benefits of buying a home; and~~
- ~~(B)~~(C) assess the financial aspects of making the transition from renting to home ownership.

~~(20)~~(21) Personal financial literacy. The student understands the various methods available to pay for college and other postsecondary education and training. The student is expected to:

- (A) understand how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provided by the United States Department of Education;
- (B) research and evaluate various scholarship opportunities such as those from state governments, schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, and professional organizations;
- (C) analyze and compare student grant options;
- (D) analyze and compare student loan options, including private and federal loans; and
- (E) research and evaluate various work-study program opportunities . ; and
- ~~(F) — investigate nontraditional methods of paying for college or postsecondary education and training.~~

Comment ¹²~~(21)~~(22) Social studies skills. The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including digital electronic technology. The student is expected to:

- (A) analyze economic 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;
- (B) create economic models, including production-possibilities curves, circular-flow charts, and supply-and-demand graphs, to analyze economic concepts or issues;
- (C) explain a point of view on an economic issue;
- (D) analyze and evaluate the validity of economic information from primary and secondary sources for bias, propaganda, point of view, and frame of reference; and
- (E) evaluate economic data using charts, tables, graphs, and maps . ; and

Comment ¹³~~(F) — use appropriate mathematical skills to interpret economic information.~~

~~(22)~~(23) Social studies skills. The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. The student is expected to:

Comment ¹⁴(A) use social studies economic-related terminology correctly; and

~~(B) — use standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation;~~

Comment ¹⁵~~(C) — transfer information from one medium to another, including written to visual and statistical to written or visual , using computer software as appropriate;~~

¹² In response to SBOE comment WG removed the term “digital.” Vertically aligns with changes made across Skills Strand. It also scaffolds the grade appropriate skill level. [no change]

¹³ Mathematical skills are inherently used in SEs throughout the social studies skills strand.

¹⁴ Changing this SE to VA with all other grade levels.

¹⁵ This SE is redundant; this skill is already covered in multiple places.

Comment ¹⁶~~(B)(D)~~ create written, oral, and visual presentations of economic information using effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism . ~~;~~ ~~and~~

Comment ¹⁷~~(D)(E)~~ ~~attribute ideas and information to source materials and authors.~~

~~(23)(24)~~ Social studies skills. The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others, ~~in a variety of settings~~. The student is expected to :

Comment ¹⁸~~(A)~~ use ~~a~~ problem-solving and decision-making processes ~~process~~ to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution . ~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~(B)~~ ~~use a decision-making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences, and take action to implement a decision.~~

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¹⁶ This deletion was made to VA to US History and US Government.

¹⁷ This skill is already addressed in new 22B.

¹⁸ Combining new 23A and B streamlines the vertical alignment of this skill through grade 12 by using the language from World Geography 23C. This WG has determined that the steps used in problem solving and decision making are so similar that it is not necessary to repeat the skills in separate standards.