

STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

For all subject areas, TEA provides a list of specific instructional terms that students will need exposure to during classroom instruction because the terms may be used on the assessment. However, the lists do not reference all of the content a student would be responsible for. Students need to become familiar with these terms as the student is developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

GRADE 8	U.S. HISTORY
abolition, abolitionist	act
activist, advocate	afford, affordable
amend, amendment	astronaut, planet, moon, space
body of water	boycott, strike
border, bordered	Chicanos, Chicano Movement
cause, effect	Civil Rights Movement
capitol	claimed, unclaimed
citizen, citizenship	clearing land, cleared land
civic participation, civic duty	conservation, conserving resources
coast, coastal	crisis
colony, colonial, colonization	discover, discoveries, innovate, innovations
community, communities	discrimination, discriminate
Congress, congressional, congressman, congresswoman, Senate, senator	enlist, enlistment
Constitution, constitutional, Bill of Rights, preamble	expansion of power, reduction of power
culture, tradition, heritage	exports, imports
declare, declaration	gender, genders

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democracy, democratic process	lobby, lobbyist
document	manufacture, manufacturing, workforce, corporations
economic, economy, business	market
elect, election, vote, voter	minority, minorities
environment, physical environment, natural environment, adapt to environment	natural material
expand, expansion	neutral, neutrality
explore, explorer, exploration, frontier, frontiersman, pioneer	oil, natural gas
factory, factories	political, political campaign, politician
found, founding	preside, presides
free, freedom	property, belongings
free-enterprise system, supply, demand, income, earn, spend, produce, consume, price, cost, service	propose, proposal, ratify, ratification
govern, government, government roles	ration, rationing
governor, mayor, president	register to vote, voter registration
harvest, harvesting, crops	rural, urban
immigrant, immigrate, migrate, migration	scandal
independent, independence, liberty, liberties	suffrage, suffragist, suffrage movement
industry, industrial, industrialization	

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invent, invention, inventor	
jury, court, courtroom	
justice	
laws, rules	
leader, leadership, leadership qualities	
legislative, executive, judicial branches of government	
livestock, raise	
local, state, federal government	
machine, machinery, device, technology	
field of medicine	
military, soldier, army, veteran, battle, war, surrender, peace, treaty	
movement	
native, native language	
past, present, future, former, era, eras, decade, century, event	
patriot, patriotic	
populate, population, population growth, population decline	
power, governmental powers	
protect, protection	

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reform, reform movements	
region, landscape	
religion	
represent, representative, representative government	
resource, natural resource, lumber	
revolution, revolutionary	
rights, constitutional rights, civil rights, equal rights, responsibilities	
settle, settler, settlement	
shelter	
sign laws, pass laws, enforce laws, veto	
slave, enslaved person, slavery	
supplies, products, goods	
symbol, symbolize	
system	
system of checks and balances, limiting the power of the government	
tax, taxation	
territory	
trade	

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transport, transportation	
Union, Confederate, Confederacy	