

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 the content a student would be responsible for. Students must become familiar with these terms as they are developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

GRADE 8	US HISTORY
abolish, abolition, abolitionist	activist, advocate
accomplishment	Allied Forces
act, declaration, amendment	astronaut, moon, space
adopt	boycott, strike
amend (verb)	capitalism
aspects of culture such as traditions, heritage, customs, religion, practices, language	Civil Rights Movement
assembly, assemble, assembly line, manufacturing, manufacturing plant, industry, industrial, industrialization, factories	claimed, unclaimed
assembly, assemble (meaning "group," "gathering," or "meeting")	climate
Boston Tea Party	communism, communist
citizen, citizenship	competition
civic participation, civic duty	conservation, conserving resources
colony, colonial, colonization, colonist	continent
community, communities	court case, landmark case, court decision
complaint, protest	crisis
Congress, congressional, Senate, senator	discover, discoveries, innovate, innovations
Constitutional protections	discrimination, discriminate
contributions	drought, erosion, topsoil
declare (verb)	Dust Bowl
defense	Ellis Island
democracy, democratic process	enlist, enlistment
deposit, customer	expansion of power, reduction of power, balance of power
economic, economy, business	exports, imports
elect, election, vote, voter	First Lady
enforce	Harlem Renaissance
expand, expansion	International, international trade
explore, explorer, exploration, frontier, expedition	invasion
found, founding	labor unions, American Federation of Labor (AFL)
free, freedom	laboratory
free-enterprise system, supply, demand, income, earn, spend, produce, consume, price, cost, service	loan
govern, government, government roles, rule	lobby, lobbyist
governmental powers	manufacture, manufacturing, workforce, corporations, workers
governor, mayor, president	minority, minorities
Great Plains	musician, rock 'n' roll
harvest, harvesting, crops, cotton, plantation	National Park System, National Park Service
human environment interactions	natural material
immigrant, immigrate, migrate, migration, immigration	neutral, neutrality
increase, decrease	nuclear energy, nuclear arms race
independent, independence, liberty, liberties	oil, natural gas, hydropower
invade	Operation Desert Storm
invent, invention, inventor, innovation	Panama Canal

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jury, court, courtroom, trial, fair trial, justice, public official, judge	Pearl Harbor
land grants	political, political campaign, politician
laws, rules, policies	poverty
leader, leadership, leadership qualities	property, belongings
legal, illegal	propose, proposal, ratify, ratification
legislative, executive, judicial branches of government	ration, rationing
local, state, federal government	register to vote, voter registration
market	relations, relationships
military, soldier, army, battle, war, surrender, peace, treaty, victory, Air Force, U.S. Army, general, Marines, Navy, armed forces	rural, urban
movement (political)	Secretary of State
national anthem	segregation
past, present, future, former, formerly, era, eras, decade, century, event	Soviet Union, Cold War, Cuba
patriot, patriotic	stock exchange, shares, invest
physical geography such as the natural environment and landforms.	United Nations
popular vote	wind turbines, pollution, electric energy
populate, population, population growth, population decline	
ratify	
raw materials	
rebel, rebellion	
Reconstruction	
recycling	
reform, reform movements	
region, landscape	
religion, such as the Catholic Church	
represent, representative, representative government	
Republican Party, Democratic Party	
resource, natural resource	
revolution, revolutionary, American Revolution	
rights, constitutional rights, civil rights, equal rights, responsibilities, human rights	
river, waterway, canal	
settle, settler, settlement	
slave, enslaved person, slavery, Underground Railroad	
suffrage, suffragist, suffrage movement	
supplies, products, goods	
Supreme Court	
system of checks and balances, limiting the power of the government	
tax, taxation	
territory	
to amend	
trade	
Transcontinental Railroad	
transport, transportation	
tribe, American Indian	
Union, Confederate, Confederacy	