

A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST **STUDY GUIDE 2008-09**

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- European Exploration and Colonization
 - Nations, groups and major settlements
 - Significant colonial leaders
 - Important dates and time periods
 - Primary source documents (approximately 8 questions)
- Concepts in Economics
 - Motivations for European exploration
 - Major industries of colonial America
- Concepts in Government & Citizenship
 - Types of government in the colonies
 - Identification of current national leaders
- Culture
 - Early Native American culture

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in History
 - Influence of historical events on modern societies
- Concepts in Economics
 - Different types of economic systems
- Concepts in Government
 - Limited vs. unlimited government
 - Origins of democratic forms of government

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in Economics
 - Patterns of work and economic activities
 - Important Texas products
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Important symbols and landmarks
- Culture
 - Customs, celebrations and traditions of various culture groups

Primary Source Documents

The documents listed are available online through the TEA Social Studies Center. Refer to the link under Recommended Resources.

- **Letter from Christopher Columbus to the King and Queen of Spain**
- **Charter of Massachusetts Bay**
- **The Mayflower Compact**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- TEA Social Studies Center
www.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/index.html
- The National Archives
www.archives.gov
- Texas State Historical Association
www.tsha.utexas.edu
- Social Studies for Kids
www.socialstudiesforkids.com
- The Winthrop Society (includes a modern English version of the Charter of Massachusetts Bay)
www.winthropsociety.org