



A+ SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST STUDY GUIDE 2009-10

GRADES 5-6

Contest Topics:

United States (approx. 60% of test)

- Law and Government
 - Purposes of the U.S. Constitution
 - Structure and functions of the federal government
 - Current leaders in national government
 - Primary source documents (approximately 8 questions)
- Concepts in History
 - Creation of the U.S. Constitution
 - Constitutional authors and contributors
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Major patriotic symbols and landmarks
 - Participation in the democratic process
- Concepts in Culture
 - Contributions of different racial, ethnic and religious groups

World (25-30% of test)

- Concepts in Government
 - Historical origins of democratic forms of government
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Rights, responsibilities and freedoms in democratic societies
- Concepts in Culture
 - Compare and contrast institutions that are basic to all societies

Texas (10-15% of test)

- Concepts in Government
 - Structure and functions of state government
- Concepts in Citizenship
 - Important historical figures who illustrate participation in the democratic process
 - Current and past leaders in state government

Primary Source Documents

The documents listed are available online from numerous sources. Refer to the links under Recommended Resources.

- **The Constitution of the United States**
- **The Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution**

Recommended Resources

- Your classroom textbook
- The National Archives
www.archives.gov
- TEA Social Studies Center
www.tea.state.tx.us/ssc/index.html
- Texas State Historical Association
www.tsha.utexas.edu
- Ben's Guide to U.S. Govt. for Kids
bensguide.gpo.gov
- The Library of Congress: American Memory
memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
- Social Studies for Kids
www.socialstudiesforkids.com