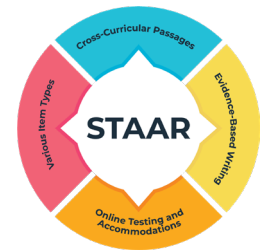


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Grade 8 Social Studies



STAAR Grade 8 Social Studies Blueprint:

Reporting Category	Standard #s		# of Questions	# of Points
	Readiness	Supporting		
1. History	16	16	15-17	18-22
2. Geography and Culture	7	10	8-10	9-13
3. Government and Citizenship	9	13	8-10	9-13
4. Economics, Science, Technology, and Society	4	8	5-7	6-9
Total # of Standards on Test:	36	47		
Total % of Standards on Test:	43%	57%		

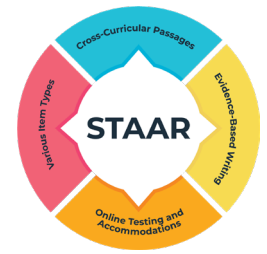
Questions per Number of Possible Points:

Question Type	# of Questions	% of Questions	# of Points	% of Points
1-Point Questions (multiple choice and non-multiple choice)	31	77.5%	31	63.3%
2-Point Questions (non-multiple choice)	9	22.5%	18	36.7%
Total:	40	100%	49	100%

2026 STAAR SE Analysis — Lowest Five Performance Snapshot for Region 13:

SE #	Student Expectation (SE)	Tested	Weight	% Correct
8.3A	Explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period; (R)	1	3%	12%
8.7B	Compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free Blacks; (S)	1	3%	15%
8.23A	Identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration; (R)	1	3%	25%
8.13B	Identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization. (R)	1	3%	26%
8.5F	Identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine; (R)	1	3%	27%

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STAAR U.S. History Blueprint:

Reporting Category	Standard #s		# of Questions	# of Points
	Readiness	Supporting		
1. History	22	29	28-30	33-38
2. Geography and Culture	7	5	10-12	10-14
3. Government and Citizenship	5	10	8-10	9-13
4. Economics, Science, Technology, and Society	9	10	14-16	16-21
Total # of Standards on Test:	43	54		
Total % of Standards on Test:	44%	56%		

Questions per Number of Possible Points:

Question Type	# of Questions	% of Questions	# of Points	% of Points
1-Point Questions (multiple choice and non-multiple choice)	50	78%	50	64%
2-Point Questions (non-multiple choice)	14	22%	28	36%
Total:	64	100%	78	100%

2026 STAAR SE Analysis — Lowest Five Performance Snapshot for Region 13:

SE #	Student Expectation (SE)	Tested	Weight	% Correct
USH.13A	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 (R)	1	2%	18%
USH.10C	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; (R)	1	2%	25%
USH.21A	Discuss values crucial to America's success as a constitutional republic, including liberty, egalitarianism, individualism, populism, and laissez-faire; and (S)	1	2%	29%
USH.7A	Identify reasons for U.S. involvement in World War II, including the aggression of Italian, German, and Japanese dictatorships, especially the attack on Pearl Harbor; (R)	1	2%	31%
USH.8E	Analyze the major events of the Vietnam War, including the escalation of forces, the Tet Offensive, Vietnamization, and the fall of Saigon; and (S)	1	2%	31%