

SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS

FOR

**PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 8
SHORT FORM A**

(Test items developed for skills measured in STANFORD10)

Skills

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| 1.0 History | 6.0 Thinking Skills |
| 1.1 Individuals/Groups/
Institutions | 6.1 History |
| 2.0 Geography | 6.2 Geography |
| 2.1 Human/Environment | 6.3 Political Science |
| 3.0 Political Science | 6.4 Economics |
| 3.1 Government and Society | 6.5 Application |
| 4.0 Economics | 6.6 Working with Information |
| 4.1 Economic Concepts | 6.7 Cause/Effect |
| 5.0 Related Processes | |
| 5.1 Application | |
| 5.2 Working with Information | |
| 5.3 Cause/Effect | |

Number of questions: 30

Number of pages: 9

Approximate testing time: 19 minutes

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FORM A**

Directions: Read each question and choose the best answer.

SAMPLE A

Which word describes a feeling of pride and devotion to your country?

- A. Socialism
- B. Democracy
- C. Patriotism
- D. Nomination

1. What was the most important feature of the West that led people to develop ranching in the 1800's?
 - A. Lots of watering areas
 - B. Open grasslands
 - C. Good fences
 - D. Many minerals to mine

2. Which type of map would be best for finding the specific land forms of the United States?
 - A. Special purpose map
 - B. Elevation map
 - C. Physical map
 - D. Political map

3. Which was *not* a cause of the Civil War?
 - A. Dred Scott decision supported Missouri Compromise
 - B. Confederates attacked Fort Sumter
 - C. Disagreements over slavery
 - D. John Brown raids Harper's Ferry arsenal

4. Population of the United States

Year	Population
1790	3929214
1800	5308483
1810	7239881
1820	9638453
1830	12866020
1840	17069453
1850	23191876
1860	31443321
1870	39818449
1880	50155783
1890	62947714
1900	75994575
1910	91972266
1920	105710620
1930	122775046
1940	131669275
1950	151325798
1960	179323175
1970	203302031
1980	226542199
1990	248718301
2000	263039000

In which year did the United States population exceed one hundred fifty million?

- A. 1830
- B. 1840
- C. 1940
- D. 1950