

*SKILLS LIST and SAMPLE TEST ITEMS*

*FOR*

**PRACTICE TEST FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADE 8**

*(Test items developed for skills measured in ITBS\*)*

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*Skills*

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| 1.0 | Concepts, Principals, Visual Materials | 2.0 | Maps and Diagrams                    |
| 1.1 | History                                | 2.1 | Locating Places                      |
| 1.2 | Geography                              | 2.2 | Determining Directions and Distances |
| 1.3 | Political Science                      | 2.3 | Interpreting Data                    |
| 1.4 | Economics                              | 2.4 | Inferences About Processes/ Products |
| 1.5 | Sociology                              |     |                                      |
| 1.6 | Anthropology                           |     |                                      |

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Approximate testing time: 60 minutes

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1. Which explorer was the first to prove the world was round?  
A. De Soto            B. Magellan            C. Columbus            D. De Gama

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2. What is the area of land that is covered by rich soil located at the mouth of a river called?  
A. a delta  
B. a mesa  
C. an ocean ridge  
D. a dell

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3. Why is production on an assembly line beneficial?  
A. Production is faster and greater.  
B. More workers are provided jobs.  
C. Assembly line workers must be educated.  
D. Less equipment is required.

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4. Why do so many immigrants from Latin America move to the United States?  
A. to learn a new language  
B. to find employment  
C. to receive an education  
D. to locate family members

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5. Which of the following would be the quickest form of transportation?  
A. jet airplane  
B. automobile  
C. passenger train  
D. bus

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