

Essential Questions for History-Social Science Grades 10 - 12

Use essential questions to stimulate learning.
More are included in the *History-Social Science Standards-based Implementation Models Template*.

Grade 10—World History, Culture and Modern Geography: The Modern World

How do religions and moral principles of our society influence the ideas of our government?

What are the key principles that should be incorporated into a constitution?

What conditions compel people to revolt against established government?

Why do countries engage in war?

How do authoritarian government retain power without the support of their people?

Grade 11—U.S. History and Geography: Continuity and Change in the 20th Century

How has the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights allowed Americans to develop as a people over the last two hundred years?

How do economic factors impact society and government?

What causes nations to expand their influence beyond their borders?

What responsibility does the government have for the economic well being of its citizens?

How are rights achieved and maintained?

Grade 12—Government

Why is the U.S. Constitution considered a living document?

How does the separation of powers work in the American system of government?

What does it mean to be a citizen?

How is public policy formed?

How does American democracy differ from other political systems?

Grade 12—Economics

How does scarcity impact individual choice?

Why are some things more expensive than others?

Who is responsible for the economy?

What does the U.S. do with our tax dollars?

How do you know when the economy suffering?

Why do nations trade?

The selected essential questions represent only a portion of those found in the [History-Social Science Standards-based Template](#), and are not intended to be all encompassing.