

Essential Questions for History-Social Science Grades 6 - 8

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

Grade Six—World History and Geography: Ancient Civilizations

What impact did geography have on the development of cultures within ancient civilizations?
How did social structures compare across civilizations?
How were economic systems different between societies?
How did the growth and expansion of a civilization affect the spread of religion?
How did exploration and trade contribute to the inventions and spread of technology during ancient times?
Why is it important to have laws written down? How do laws influence the power of a leader?

Grade 7--World History and Geography: Medieval and Early Modern Times

How did exploration lead to an exchange of goods, ideas, values, and beliefs?
Why does trade flourish in some cultures and not others?
How did the use of a common currency and language increase trade between different cultures?
How does geographical placement impact trade?
How did the Reformation and Counter- Reformation affect the New World?
How did Buddhism and Confucianism influence the development of Eastern culture?

Grade 8--United States History and Geography: Growth and Conflict

How might people's ideas and certain events influence the formation of a government?
What political philosophies and major events affected the formation of the U.S. Constitution?
What is your role as a citizen and participant in the U.S. government?
How do reform movements address social injustices?
What things might cause a civil war? What are the lasting consequences of such a war?
How do immigrants change the social and political condition of America today?

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