

POLITICAL SYSTEMS

- _____ Demonstrate knowledge of the principles, structure and function of the Constitution and its amendments, and their impact on the political system of the United States. **SS8-01**
- _____ Apply historical knowledge of the political system and evaluate the roles and influences of individuals and special interest groups (e.g., political parties, media, religious groups, business) as they affect current events and civic responsibilities. **SS8-02**

ECONOMICS

- _____ Identify how natural resources, geography, and politics impact the development of economic systems and how they influence political decisions. **SS8-03**

HISTORY

- _____ Apply skills of historical research (e.g., primary and secondary sources, literary works, the Internet), identifying the differences between historical fact and interpretation. **SS8-04**
- _____ Evaluate the impact of exploration of the United States. **SS8-05**
- _____ Compare and contrast the different regions of the United States (e.g., cultural, political, economic, social). **SS8-06**
- _____ Identify the causes and enduring effects of conflicts in the ongoing development of the United States. **SS8-07**
- _____ Examine the political, economic, and social trends that emerged as an aftermath of significant historical events. **SS8-08**

GEOGRAPHY

- _____ Analyze, interpret, and draw inferences how geographic factors affect the settlement, cooperation, and conflict among groups in the United States using maps, globes, graphs, and charts. **SS8-09**

SOCIAL SYSTEMS

- _____ Explain how individuals, groups, and cultures have affected and contributed to the development of the U.S. social systems over time. **SS8-10**