College and Career Readiness Assessment: U.S. History Content

Purpose

A robust assessment system is predicated upon the knowledge that no one assessment is able to provide answers to all questions affecting instructional decisions. An assessment system utilizes different types of assessment to gather multiple pieces of evidence to provide timely, relevant, actionable, and reliable information about what students know and can do relative to a set of standards.

According to the Oklahoma ESSA Plan (pp 48–49):

Oklahoma recognizes that a robust assessment system is tied closely to students’ learning and teachers’ instructional practices by valuing and promoting local, classroom-based formative assessments that help make student learning visible. At the same time, that system should provide a strong summative assessment program that fits as a component within a multifaceted state, district, and school accountability system.

The OSDE supports an assessment system by working with Oklahoma educators and stakeholders to:

- Ensure that state and federally required annual summative assessments delivered through the Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) are effective and meaningful to families, districts, educators, and members of the community;
- Develop instructional resources to support local formative and interim assessments through the curriculum frameworks projects and assessment guidance toolkit; and
- Build and deliver professional learning through face-to-face and web-based resources to support local assessment needs and interpretation of state assessment data.

Annual assessments delivered through the OSTP are aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards and can therefore provide point-in-time data for programmatic and curricular decisions by supporting criterion-referenced interpretations at appropriate levels and grain size (e.g., grade, student group, teacher, building/district administrator, state). Standards-based formative and interim assessments conducted at the local level can provide additional information and evidence of learning at a smaller grain size to inform instructional decisions made at the student and classroom level.
Test Structure, Format, and Scoring

The test will consist of 60 multiple choice items: 50 operational items and 10 field test items. There will be two sessions testing 30 items per session. The test includes three complex stimuli clusters, with multiple stimuli and four related multiple choice items.

Each multiple-choice item is scored as correct or incorrect. Only operational multiple-choice items contribute to the total test score. In other words, because the test will contain 50 operational items, only those 50 items (not the 10 field-test items) will contribute to a student’s scaled score on the test.

The student’s raw score is converted to a scaled score using the number correct scoring method.

Test Alignment with Oklahoma Academic Standards

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<td>1. Categorical Concurrence</td>
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<td>2. Range-of-Knowledge Correspondence</td>
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The blueprint describes the content and structure of the operational test and defines the target number of test items by reporting category for CCRA: U.S. History Content.

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<th>Reporting Categories¹ (Oklahoma Academic Standards)</th>
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**Total Operational Test** 100%

¹ All objectives included in each reporting category are found in OAS-U.S. History.
² A minimum of 12 points is required to report results for a reporting category for the CCR U.S. History Content Assessment.
**Depth-of-Knowledge Assessed by Test Items**

The test will approximately reflect the following “depth-of-knowledge (DOK)” distribution of items:

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<td>Level 2—Basic Reasoning</td>
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<td>Level 3—Complex and Extended Reasoning</td>
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Descriptions of the Depth-of-Knowledge levels for U.S. History are as follows:

- **Level 1** asks the students to recall facts, terms, concepts and trends or to recognize or identify specific information contained in graphics. This level generally requires students to identify, list, or define. The terms at this level usually ask the student to recall who, what, when, and where. Items that require students to “describe” and/or “explain” could be classified at Level 1 or Level 2, depending on what is to be described and/or explained. A Level 1 “describe and/or explain” would require students to recall, recite, or reproduce information. Items that require students to recognize or identify specific information contained in documents, excerpts, quotations, maps, charts, tables, graphs, or illustrations are generally Level 1.

- **Level 2** includes the engagement of some mental processing beyond recalling or reproducing a response. Level 2 generally requires students to contrast and compare people, places, events, and concepts; convert information from one form to another; give an example; classify or sort items into meaningful categories; and/or describe, interpret or explain issues and problems, patterns, reasons, cause and effect, significance or impact, relationships, point of view, or processes. A Level 2 “describe” and/or “explain” would require students to go beyond a description or explanation of recalled information to describe and/or explain a result or “how” or “why.”

- **Level 3** requires reasoning, using evidence, and a higher level of thinking than Level 1 and Level 2. Students will go beyond explaining or describing “how” and “why” to justifying the “how” and “why” through application and evidence. The cognitive demands at Level 3 are more complex and more abstract than at Level 1 or Level 2. Items at Level 3 include drawing conclusions, citing evidence, applying concepts to new situations, using concepts to solve problems, analyzing similarities and differences in issues and problems, proposing and evaluating solutions to problems, recognizing and explaining misconceptions, or making connections across time and place to explain a concept or “big idea.”

These descriptions are taken from the following study:

1 This is the ideal depth-of-knowledge distribution of items. There may be slight differences in the actual distribution of the upcoming testing session.

Note: With the exception of content limits, the Item Specifications offer suggestions of what might be included and do not provide an exhaustive list of what can be included.

In addition, the sample test items are not intended to be definitive in nature or construction—the stimuli and the test items that follow them may differ from test form to test form, as may their presentations.

### Universal Design Considerations

Universal Design, as applied to assessments, is a concept that allows the widest possible range of students to participate in assessments and may even reduce the need for accommodations and alternative assessments by expanding access to the tests themselves. In the Oklahoma School Testing Program tests, modifications have been made to some items to simplify and clarify instructions as well as to provide maximum readability, comprehensibility, and legibility. This includes such things as reducing the language load in content areas other than Language Arts, increasing the font size, displaying fewer items per page, and boxing the items to assist visual focus. The Grade 11 CCRA: U.S. History Content assessment will have vocabulary three grade levels below 11th grade, except for content specific words. These modifications are evident in the sample items included in this document.

### Online Administration

Test questions will be presented one at a time.

The stimulus and question will appear on the screen at the same time.

Answers may be selected by using the mouse to click on the radio button to the left of the answer choice.

Navigation buttons appear at the bottom of the page for each question. For longer items, a scroll bar will appear on the right-hand side of the window to allow scrolling through the answer choices.

Students will be able to use scratch paper for all online assessments. This paper must be taken up and destroyed by the test administrator immediately following the test. The test administrator must not look at what the student has written on the scratch paper.
Testing Schedules

This section appears in all of the test specification documents and is provided to give the reader a general sense of the overall testing program at this particular grade level.

The Grade 11 CCRA: U.S. History Content assessment is meant to be administered in two sessions within one day or on consecutive days. Estimated time for scheduling purposes is given in the table below.

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Item Types

Each multiple-choice item will have four responses—the correct answer and three distractors. Distractors will be developed based on the types of errors students are most likely to make.

Each item begins with a stem that asks a question or poses a clear problem. A stem will seldom include an incomplete sentence.

All stems will be positively worded—avoiding the use of the word not. If a negative is required, the format will be “All of the following . . . except.”

A stimulus that gives information must precede a question or a set of questions.

Multiple-Choice Item Guidelines

Each multiple-choice item will have a stem (question or incomplete statement that is completed by the correct answer choice) and four answer (or completion) options, only one of which is correct. Items may contain graphical elements and/or text excerpts.

Stimulus Materials

Stimulus materials are the passages, maps, graphs, charts, models, graphic organizers, figures, etc., that students must read and examine in order to respond to items. The following characteristics are necessary for stimulus materials:

1. A stimulus that gives information must precede a question or a set of questions.
2. When students are given information to evaluate, they should know the research question and the purpose of the research.
3. Passages, graphics, tables, etc., will provide sufficient information for assessment of multiple standards.
4. Stimuli with text shall have a limit of 300 words (+/–10%).
5. Stimulus materials for a set of items may be a combination of multiple stimuli.
6. Information in stimulus materials will be real examples of what students would encounter in or beyond school.
7. For conceptual items, stimulus materials will be necessary but not conceptually sufficient for student response.
8. There will be a balance of graphic and textual stimulus materials within a test form. At least 50 percent of the items will have appropriate pictorial and graphical representations. Graphs, tables, or figures will be clearly associated with their intended items. Graphics will appear either on the same page as the stimulus or on the facing page.

**Item Specifications**

It is necessary to create test items that are reliable, fair, and targeted to the Oklahoma Academic Standards listed on the following pages. There are some general considerations and procedures for effective item development. These considerations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Each test form contains items assessing all standards.
2. Test items that assess each standard will be limited to a multiple-choice format.
3. Test items are focused on content that is authentic, engaging, and understandable to students.
4. All items are reviewed to eliminate language that shows bias or that would otherwise likely disadvantage a particular group of students. Items do not display unfair representations of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, culture, or religion, nor do items contain elements that are offensive to any such groups.

**Scoring Criteria**

Scoring criteria will focus on the clear understanding of U.S. History with an emphasis on Civics and an effective understanding, application, and analysis of Social Studies skills.

**General Considerations—Oklahoma School Testing Program**

1. Items deal with issues and details that are of consequence in the stimulus and central to students’ understanding and interpretation of the stimulus.
2. Test items are varied and address all OAS listed in the Test Blueprint.
3. To the greatest extent possible, no item or response choice will clue the answer to any other item.
4. All items reviewed and approved by the Oklahoma Item Review Committee are assigned an OAS standard. The Test Blueprints and score reports reflect the degree to which each OAS standard and/or objective is represented on the test.
5. Test items are tied closely and particularly to the stimuli from which they derive, so that the impact of outside (prior) knowledge, while never wholly avoidable, is minimized.
6. Each multiple choice item contains a question and four answer options, only one of which is correct. Correct answers will be approximately equally distributed among A, B, C and D.

7. The four choices are approximately the same length, have the same format, and are syntactically and semantically parallel; students should not be able to rule out a wrong answer or identify a correct response simply by virtue of its looking or sounding different.

8. Distractors adopt the language and sense of the material in the stimuli so that students must think their way to the correct answer rather than simply identify incorrect responses by virtue of a distractor's obviously inappropriate nature.

9. Distractors should always be plausible (but, of course, incorrect) in the context of the stimulus.

10. Order of presentation of item types is dictated by logic (chronologically, spatially, etc.).

11. Items are worded precisely and clearly. The better focused an item, the more reliable and fair it is likely to be, and the more likely all students will understand it in the same way.

12. It is not possible to measure every OAS objective on the test. However, each OAS is represented as thoroughly as possible.

13. The range of items measuring an OAS objective consisting of more than one skill will provide a balanced representation of those skills.

14. Items should be focused on what all students should know and be able to do as they complete their coursework.

15. The responses “Both of the above,” “All of the above,” “None of the above,” and “Neither of the above” will not be used.

16. The material presented is balanced, culturally diverse, well written, and of interest to students. The stimuli and items are fairly presented in order to gain a true picture of students’ skills.

17. Forms attempt to represent the ethnic diversity of Oklahoma students.

18. No resource materials may be used by students during the test; however, the use of scratch paper is allowed on the test but should be taken up and destroyed at the end of the test.

19. The stimuli avoid subject matter that might prompt emotional distress on the part of the students.

20. In addition to the 50 operational items, there will be 10 field-test items per form.

21. Permission to use stimuli from copyrighted material is obtained as necessary by the testing vendor.

All items developed using these specifications are reviewed annually by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and approved by Oklahoma educators. The distribution of newly developed items is based on difficulty, cognitive ability, percentage of art/graphics, and grade-level appropriateness as determined by an annual Item Development Plan approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
Overview of Item Specifications

For each OAS standard, item specifications are organized under the following headings:

- OAS Standard
- Item Specifications
  a. Emphasis
  b. Format
  c. Content Limits
  d. Depth-of-Knowledge
  e. Distractor Domain
  f. Sample Test Items

The headings “OAS Standard” states the standard being measured as found in the United States History section of the Oklahoma Academic Standards document.

The heading “Item Specifications” highlights important points about the item’s emphasis, format, content limits, depth-of-knowledge, and distractor domain. Sample items are also included. All items in this test are written to address and measure a single standard.
STANDARD 1

The student will analyze the transformation of the United States through its civil rights struggles, immigrant experiences, and settlement of the American West in the Post-Reconstruction Era, 1865 to the 1920s.

OAS STANDARD

1. Explain the constitutional issues that arise in the post-Civil War era including federalism, separation of powers, checks and balances. (CIV)

2. Analyze the post-Reconstruction civil rights struggles.
   
   A. Identify the significance of Juneteenth in relation to emancipation and modern-day celebrations. (USH)
   
   B. Examine the purposes and effects of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. (CIV)
   
   C. Assess the impact of the Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, and the actions of the Ku Klux Klan. (CIV)

3. Analyze the impact of westward expansion and immigration on migration, settlement patterns in American society, economic growth, and American Indians.
   
   A. Summarize the reasons for immigration, shifts in settlement patterns, the immigrant experience at immigrant processing centers such as Ellis Island and Angel Island, and the impact of Nativism and Americanization. (USH)
   
   B. Analyze the creation of federal immigration policies including the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Gentlemen’s Agreement, federal court decisions, and the Immigration Act of 1924. (CIV)
   
   C. Examine the rationale behind federal policies toward American Indians including the establishment of reservations, attempts at assimilation, the end of the Indian Wars at Wounded Knee, and the impact of the Dawes Act on tribal sovereignty and land ownership. (CIV)
   
   D. Compare viewpoints of American Indian resistance to United States Indian policies as evidenced by Red Cloud and his *Cooper Union* speech, Quanah Parker, and Chief Joseph as expressed in his *I Will Fight No More Forever* speech. (USH)
Emphasis:
• Understand the purposes and effects of the “Civil War Amendments” to the Constitution, their postwar application, and their impact on civil rights struggles in the South.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of immigration and migration on settlement pattern and economic growth in the nineteenth century.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the effects of industrialization.

Format:
• Students will be asked to demonstrate familiarity with this information and/or interpret maps, charts, graphs, letters, or other stimulus materials.

Content Limits:
• Content is limited to those topics listed specifically in the objectives for this standard.

Distractor Domain:
• Incorrect answer choices will be plausible and based on inaccurate or misleading information and/or misinterpretation of the materials or information presented.
The photograph on the left shows three Native American boys upon their arrival at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. This school taught Native American students from 1879 to 1918. The photograph on the right shows the same boys at a later date.²

Based on these photographs, what can be concluded about the main objective of this school?

A  training Native Americans to become tribal leaders
B  helping Native Americans to become United States citizens
C  assisting Native Americans in adjusting to reservation life
D  persuading Native Americans to accept the dominant American culture

² Photographs of three Lakota boys at Carlisle Indian School (Native American dress and school uniforms), National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution/57,489 and 57,490.

Correct Response: D
Standard: 1.3.C (CIV)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 3
The student will analyze the social, economic, and political changes that occurred during the American Industrial Revolution, the Gilded Age, and significant reform movements from the 1870s to the 1920s.

1. Evaluate the transformation of American society, economy and politics during the American Industrial Revolution.

   A. Analyze the impact of capitalism, laissez-faire policy and the role of leading industrialists as robber barons, captains of industry and philanthropists including John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie and his *Gospel of Wealth* essay on American society. (USH)

   B. Identify the impact of new inventions and industrial production methods including new technologies by Thomas Edison, Alexander G. Bell, Henry Ford, and the Bessemer process. (USH)

   C. Evaluate the contributions of muckrakers, including Ida Tarbell, Jacob Riis and Upton Sinclair, in changing government policies regarding child labor, working conditions and regulation of big business. (CIV)

   D. Analyze major social reform movements including the Women’s Suffrage and Temperance Movement and the leadership of Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, and Jane Addams. (USH)

   E. Evaluate the significance of the Labor Movement on the organization of workers including the impact of the Pullman strikes, the Haymarket Riot, and the leadership of Eugene V. Debs. (USH)

   F. Assess and summarize changing race relations as exemplified in the *Plessy v. Ferguson* case. (CIV)

   G. Compare early civil rights leadership including the viewpoints of Booker T. Washington, and W.E.B. DuBois in response to rising racial tensions, the anti-lynching work of Ida B. Wells, and the use of poll taxes and literacy tests to disenfranchise blacks. (USH)

2. Evaluate the rise and reforms of Populism and the Progressive Movement including:

   A. direct primary, initiative petition, referendum, and recall intended to limit the corrupting influence of political machines. (CIV)

   B. impact of William Jennings Bryan and his *Cross of Gold* speech on the political landscape. (USH)

   C. series of events leading to and the effects of the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. (CIV)
3. Analyze and summarize the key personalities, actions and policies of Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson by:

A. comparing the policies of Roosevelt and Taft on environmental conservation and trust busting, (CIV)

B. evaluating the 1912 presidential election including the role of Roosevelt’s Bull Moose Party and Eugene V. Debs Socialist Party. (USH)

C. describing the policies of Wilson on the issue of women’s right to vote. (CIV)

Emphasis:
- Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of the reform movements from the 1870s to the 1920s.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of technological advances during this time period.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the political impact of Populism and the Progressive Movement.

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Distractor Domain:
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2. Which Supreme Court decision ruled in favor of racial segregation under the “separate but equal” clause?

A. Plessy v. Ferguson
B. Dred Scott v. Sanford
C. University of California Regents v. Bakke
D. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas

Correct Response: A
Standard: 2.1.F (CIV)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 1
Which development associated with Theodore Roosevelt, weakened the Republican Party in the months before the 1912 Presidential Election?

A  Roosevelt announced his New Nationalism plan.
B  Roosevelt formed the progressive Bull Moose Party.
C  Roosevelt attacked Taft for firing the head of the U.S. Forest Service.
D  Roosevelt challenged the sitting U.S. President in all of the early primaries.

Correct Response: B
Standard: 2.3.B (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2
The student will analyze the expanding role of the United States in international affairs as America was transformed into a world power in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, 1890 to 1920.

1. Evaluate the impact of American imperialism on international relations and explain its impact on developing nations.
   A. Compare the economic, religious, social, and political rationales for American imperialism including the concept of “white man’s burden,” the annexation of Hawaii, the impact of Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, and the actions of the Anti-Imperialist League. (USH)
   B. Assess the role of yellow journalism and jingoism in inciting the desire of Americans to go to war with Spain. (USH)
   C. Examine how the Spanish-American War resulted in the rise of the United States as a world power and led to new territorial acquisitions and national insurrections in Cuba and the Philippines. (USH)
   D. Compare the foreign policies of Presidents Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson including Big Stick Diplomacy, Dollar Diplomacy, Missionary Diplomacy, the Roosevelt Corollary, military interventionism, and the territorial acquisition and construction of the Panama Canal. (CIV)

2. Evaluate the long-term impact of America’s entry into World War I on national politics, the economy, and society.
   A. Summarize the transformation of the United States from a position of neutrality to engagement in World War I including the Zimmermann Telegram and the threats to international trade caused by unrestricted submarine warfare. (USH)
   B. Analyze the impact of the war on the home front including the use of propaganda, women’s increased role in industry, the marshaling of industrial production, and the Great Migration. (USH)
   C. Analyze the institution of a draft and the suppression of individual liberties resulting in the First Red Scare, including the Palmer Raids and the Sacco-Vanzetti trials. (CIV)
   D. Evaluate Wilson’s foreign policy as proposed in his Fourteen Points and the reasons for the nation’s return to isolationism highlighted by the Senate’s rejection of the League of Nations. (CIV)
Emphasis:
• Demonstrate an understanding of the goals and impacts of imperialism.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the significant issues in the 1912 presidential election.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the impacts of the United States’ involvement in World War I.

Format:
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Distractor Domain:
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4 How did United States involvement in World War I affect some Americans?

A Many women entered the workforce.
B Many children left school to work in factories.
C African Americans migrated to Southern cities.
D Unemployment caused the United States economy to suffer.

Correct Response: A
Standard: 3.2.B (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 1
STANDARD 4

The student will analyze the cycles of boom and bust of the 1920s and 1930s on the transformation of American government, the economy and society.

OAS OBJECTIVE

1. Examine the economic, political, and social transformations between the World Wars.
   A. Describe modern forms of cultural expression including the significant impact of people of African descent on American culture as exhibited by the Harlem Renaissance and the Jazz Age. (USH)
   B. Describe the rising racial tensions in American society including the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan, increased lynchings, race riots as typified by the Tulsa Race Riot, the rise of Marcus Garvey and black nationalism, and the use of poll taxes and literacy tests to disenfranchise blacks. (CIV)
   C. Assess the impact of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 on the American Indian nations. (CIV)
   D. Examine growing labor unrest and industry's reactions, including the use of sit-down strikes and court injunctions, and why socialism and communism appealed to labor. (USH)
   E. Describe the booming economy based upon access to easy credit through installment buying of appliances and inventions of modern conveniences including the automobile. (USH)

2. Analyze the effects of the destabilization of the American economy.
   A. Identify causes contributing to an unstable economy including the overproduction of agriculture products, greater speculation and buying on margin in the Stock Market, and the government's pro-business and laissez-faire policies. (USH)
   B. Examine the role of the Stock Market Crash and bank failures in weakening both the agricultural and manufacturing sectors of the economy leading to the Great Depression. (USH)
   C. Analyze how President Herbert Hoover's financial policies and massive unemployment as exemplified by the Bonus Army March and Hoovervilles impacted the presidential election of 1932. (CIV)
   D. Compare points of view regarding the economic and social impact of the Great Depression on individuals, families, and the nation. (USH)
3. Analyze the impact of the New Deal in transforming the federal government's role in domestic economic policies.

   A. Assess changing viewpoints regarding the expanding role of government as expressed in President Franklin Roosevelt's *First Inaugural Address*. (CIV)

   B. Examine how national policies addressed the economic crisis including John Maynard Keynes' theory of deficit spending, Roosevelt's court packing plan, and the new federal agencies of the Social Security Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Works Progress Administration (WPA), Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). (CIV)

   C. Summarize the causes and impact of the Dust Bowl including the government’s responses. (USH)

**Emphasis:**
- Demonstrate an understanding of the economic, political, and social transformation in the United States between World War I and World War II.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the economic and political events in the period between the World War I and World War II.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the federal government’s role in addressing economic conditions during the Great Depression.

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**Distractor Domain:**
- Incorrect answer choices will be plausible and based on inaccurate or misleading information and/or misinterpretation of the materials or information presented.
Which statement best explains the trend shown on this graph?

A. Many people began to use public transportation during the 1920s.
B. People became less dependent on government programs during the 1920s.
C. The economic changes during the 1920s resulted in an overall decrease in purchasing power.
D. The popularity of installment buying during the 1920s resulted in more people being able to buy luxury items.

Correct Response: D
Standard: 4.1.E (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 3
6 Which phrase describes one effect of the Stock Market Crash of 1929?
   A repayment of war debts
   B increased industrial output
   C widespread unemployment
   D growth in consumer demand

Correct Response: C
Standard: 4.2.B (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 1

7 Why was the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation created?
   A to protect government loans to farmers
   B to protect people’s retirement pensions
   C to protect corporations from bankruptcy
   D to protect money in people’s bank accounts

Correct Response: D
Standard: 4.3.B (CIV)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 1
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Emphasis:
• Demonstrate an understanding of the social and political transformation of the United States as it mobilized for World War II.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the events leading to the outcome of World War II.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the United States’ reaction to the Holocaust.

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Which action by the United States demonstrates its policy of isolationism before World War II?

A enactment of a peacetime draft law
B passage of a series of neutrality acts
C placement of an embargo on exports to Japan
D deportation of American Communist Party members

Correct Response: B
Standard: 5.1.A (CIV)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 1
Which event was most responsible for this situation?

A. Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor  
B. Japan’s occupation of Indochina  
C. Japanese Americans refusing to join the military  
D. Japanese Americans committing acts of sabotage

Correct Response: A  
Standard: 5.1.C (CIV)  
Depth-of-Knowledge: 3

The strategy of “island-hopping” in the Pacific theater involved

A. recapturing all Japanese islands and territories.  
B. seizing key islands to close in on the Japanese mainland.  
C. bypassing smaller Pacific islands to attack Japan directly.  
D. launching all attacks against Japan from the Pearl Harbor military base.

Correct Response: B  
Standard: 5.2 (USH)  
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2
The student will analyze foreign events and policies during the Cold War, 1945–1975.

1. Analyze the origins of international alliances and efforts at containment of Communism following World War II.
   
   A. Identify the origins of Cold War confrontations between the Soviet Union and the United States including the leadership of President Harry Truman, the postwar division of Berlin, the Berlin Blockade and Airlift, the Iron Curtain, and the Marshall Plan. (USH)
   
   B. Describe the roles and consequences of the spheres of influence created by the formation of the United Nations and NATO by the United States and the formation of the Warsaw Pact by the Soviet Union. (USH)
   
   C. Assess the impact and successes of the Truman Doctrine including the American military response to the invasion of South Korea. (USH)
   
   D. Evaluate the Kennedy administration’s international goals as expressed in his Inaugural Address in light of the subsequent building of the Berlin Wall, the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis, NASA, and the establishment of the Peace Corps. (USH)

2. Describe domestic events related to the Cold War and its aftermath.
   
   A. Summarize the reasons for the public fear of communist influence within the United States and how politicians capitalized on this fear including the leadership of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Army-McCarthy hearings, the Second Red Scare, the Alger Hiss controversy, and the Rosenbergs’ spy trials. (USH)
   
   B. Examine the impact of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the resulting nuclear arms race, the concept of brinkmanship, the doctrine of mutually assured destruction (MAD), the launching of Sputnik and the space race. (USH)
   
   C. Evaluate the continuing role of radio, television and other mass media in relationship to the Nixon and Kennedy debates as part of the 1960 and subsequent elections. (USH)

3. Analyze the series of events and long term foreign and domestic consequences of the United States’ military involvement in Vietnam including the Domino Theory, the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, the Tet Offensive, the presidential election of 1968, university student protests led by the counterculture movement, expanded television coverage of the war, the War Powers Resolution Act, and the 26th Amendment. (CIV)

4. Analyze the political and economic impact of President Nixon’s foreign policies including détente and the opening of China. (USH)
Emphasis:
- Demonstrate an understanding of the origins of international alliances and efforts of containment of Communism following World War II.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the events that changed domestic policies during the Cold War and its aftermath.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the series of events and long-term consequences of the United States’ military involvement in Vietnam.

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It is my duty to place before you certain facts about the present position in Europe. . . .”

From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe . . . in what I must call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence, but to a very high and, in some cases, increasing measure of control from Moscow. . . .

—Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of England, 1946

Which situation is related to this excerpt?

A  the beginning of the Cold War  
B  the founding of communism in Russia  
C  the political division of Europe after World War I  
D  the efforts by the United States to gain influence in Asia

Correct Response: A
Standard: 6.1.A (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2
In my opinion the State Department . . . is thoroughly infested with communists. I have here in my hand a list of 205 . . . names that were made known to the Secretary of State as being members of the Communist Party and who nevertheless are still working and shaping policy in the State Department.

—U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy, 1950

What was the purpose of the speech made by Senator McCarthy?

A to defend the right of government workers to criticize the federal government
B to praise State Department employees for their work in preserving democracy
C to create fear that communists were making government decisions
D to condemn those who opposed the right to join the Communist Party

Correct Response: C
Standard: 6.2.A (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2
STANDARD 7

The student will analyze the cause and effects of significant domestic events and policies from 1945 to 1975.

OAS OBJECTIVE

1. Analyze the major events, personalities, tactics and effects of the Civil Rights Movement.

   A. Assess the effects of President Truman’s decision to desegregate the United States armed forces and the legal attacks on segregation by the NAACP and Thurgood Marshall, the United States Supreme Court decisions in the cases of Oklahomans Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher and George McLaurin, and the differences between de jure and de facto segregation. (CIV)

   B. Evaluate the events arising from separate but equal, policies, such as poll taxes and literacy tests, violent responses such as the Birmingham church bombing and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and conflicts over segregation including:
   1) Brown v. Board of Education, Topeka, Kansas decision
   2) Montgomery Bus Boycott
   3) desegregation of Little Rock Central High School
   4) Oklahoma City lunch counter sit-ins led by Clara Luper
   5) Freedom Rides
   6) Marches on Washington and Selma to Montgomery
   7) adoption of the 24th Amendment

   C. Compare the viewpoints and the contributions of civil rights leaders and organizations linking them to events of the movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his I Have a Dream speech, the leadership of Malcolm X, the role of organizations such as the Black Panthers; describe the tactics used at different times including civil disobedience, non-violent resistance, sit-ins, boycotts, marches, and voter registration drives. (CIV)

2. Analyze the ongoing social and political transformations within the United States.

   A. Summarize and examine the United States Supreme Court’s use of the 14th Amendment incorporation doctrine in applying the Bill of Rights to the states, thereby securing and further defining individual rights and civil liberties. (CIV)

   B. Assess the rise of liberalism in the 1960s and the lasting impact of President Lyndon Johnson’s civil rights initiatives, the war on poverty, and the Great Society. (CIV)

   C. Describe the goals and effectiveness of the American Indian movements on tribal identity and sovereignty including the American Indian Movement (AIM) and mismanagement by the federal government causing the occupations at Wounded Knee and Alcatraz. (CIV)

   D. Describe the goals and effectiveness of the social movement of the United Farm Workers and César Chávez. (USH)
E. Compare the changing roles of women from the post-war era through the 1970s including the goals of the Women’s Liberation Movement and the National Organization of Women under the leadership of Betty Friedan, various debates on the Equal Rights Amendment, and the United States Supreme Court’s ruling in *Roe v. Wade.* (CIV)

F. Evaluate the impact of the Watergate Scandal on executive powers including the role of the media, the Pentagon Papers, the first use of the 25th Amendment, and President Ford’s decision to pardon former President Nixon. (CIV)

Emphasis:
- Demonstrate an understanding of the major events, personalities, tactics, and effects of the Civil Rights Movement.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ongoing social and political transformations within the United States.

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13 Which statement describes a long-term result of the Civil Rights Movement on society?

A  Minorities played larger roles in state and federal politics.
B  State courts overturned federal laws they considered unjust.
C  Businesses offered workers guaranteed wage increases due to higher costs of living.
D  Government officials eliminated immigration quotas that discriminated against some ethnic groups.

Correct Response: A
Standard: 7.2.A (Civics)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2
## Standard 8

The student will analyze the impact foreign and domestic policies from 1977 to 2001.

### OAS Objective

1. Evaluate President Jimmy Carter’s foreign policy in the Middle East including the Camp David Accords, the OPEC oil embargo, and the response to the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. (USH)

2. Analyze the economic and political impact of the rise of conservatism and President Reagan’s domestic and foreign policies including Reaganomics, the Iran-Contra Scandal and Reagan’s *Tear Down This Wall* speech in West Berlin. (USH)

3. Summarize the series of events leading to the emergence of the United States as the sole superpower following the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Empire. (USH)

4. Describe the goal of President George H.W. Bush’s foreign policy in forming an international coalition to counter Iraqi aggression in the Persian Gulf. (USH)

5. Describe and evaluate the influence of William J. Clinton’s presidency, including the
   
   a. continuing global influence of the United States including NAFTA and the NATO interventions to restore stability to the former Yugoslav republics. (USH)
   
   b. political impact of Clinton’s impeachment. (CIV)

6. Evaluate the rise of terrorism and its impact on the United States including the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building, the first attack on the World Trade Center Towers in 1993, the attacks on September 11, 2001, the USA PATRIOT Act, and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. (CIV)

### Emphasis:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the major policies and events from the: Carter Administration, Reagan Administration, George H.W. Bush Administration, and the Clinton Administration.

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Read the excerpt and then answer the question that follows.

Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the representatives of the Palestinian people should participate in negotiations on the resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects. To achieve that objective, negotiations relating to the West Bank and Gaza should proceed in three stages:

1. Egypt and Israel agree that, in order to ensure a peaceful and orderly transfer of authority, and taking into account the security concerns of all the parties, there should be transitional arrangements for the West Bank and Gaza for a period not exceeding five years. In order to provide full autonomy to the inhabitants, under these arrangements the Israeli military government and its civilian administration will be withdrawn as soon as a self-governing authority has been freely elected by the inhabitants of these areas to replace the existing military government.

—excerpt from The Camp David Accords, 1978

According to the information in the excerpt, which principle must be met before full autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza can be achieved?

A religious conversion
B territorial exchanges
C military disarmament
D legitimate democracy

Correct Response: D
Standard: 8.1 (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 2

Which remark by President George W. Bush during the signing of the Homeland Security Act summarizes the intent of the new department?

A “Many terrorists are now being interrogated.”
B “We understand they hate us because of what we love.”
C “America will be better able to respond to future attacks.”
D “We’re fighting a new kind of war against determined enemies.”

Correct Response: C
Standard: 8.6 (USH)
Depth-of-Knowledge: 3