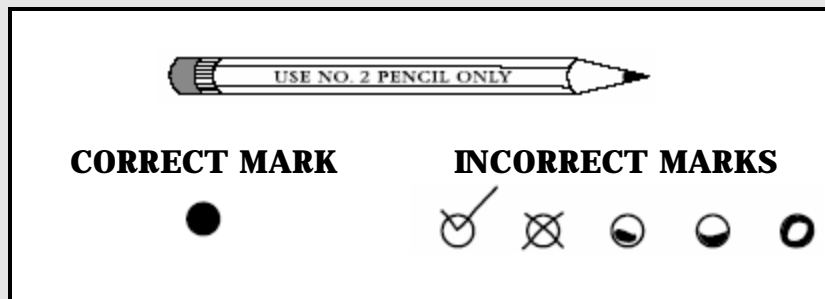


## Grade 8 Social Studies

WHEN ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN THIS TEST BOOKLET



- Use only soft black lead pencil (No. 2).
- Do NOT use ink or ball point pen.
- When marking your answers to multiple-choice questions, mark heavy, dark marks that completely fill the circle. Mark one answer for each question.
- Erase completely any marks you wish to change.
- Make NO STRAY marks on any page of your test booklet.
- For the open-response questions, be sure you write your answers on the lines and spaces provided. Answers or parts of answers written outside the boxed areas cannot be scored.

*The following is the guide that will be used to evaluate your responses to the open-response questions in this test.*

# KENTUCKY GENERAL SCORING GUIDE

**SCORE  
POINT 4**

- **You complete all important components of the question and communicate ideas clearly.**
- **You demonstrate in-depth understanding of the relevant concepts and/or processes.**
- **Where appropriate, you choose more efficient and/or sophisticated processes.**
- **Where appropriate, you offer insightful interpretations or extensions (generalizations, applications, analogies)**

**SCORE  
POINT 3**

- **You complete most important components of the question and communicate clearly.**
- **You demonstrate an understanding of major concepts even though you overlook or misunderstand some less-important ideas or details.**

**SCORE  
POINT 2**

- **You complete some important components of the question and communicate those components clearly**
- **You demonstrate that there are gaps in your conceptual understanding.**

**SCORE  
POINT 1**

- **You show minimal understanding of the question.**
- **You address only a small portion of the question**

**SCORE  
POINT 0**

- **Your answer is totally incorrect or irrelevant**

**BLANK**

- **You did not give any answer at all.**


# SOCIAL STUDIES OPEN-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Read all parts of each open response question before you begin. Write your answers to the open response questions in the space provided in this test booklet. For each open response question, use the grid provided in the test booklet to create any required charts or graphs. If a question does not require a chart or graph, write your written response over the grid lines.

**Write your answer to question 6 in the space provided on the next page.**

## The American Revolution

6. The Revolutionary War was a turning point in American history. The Colonists finally decided to stand up against British rule and fight for their freedoms. First however, many events occurred that created tension between the Colonists and Great Britain.
- A. Identify 3 causes that led to the start of the Revolutionary War.
- B. Explain one way in which the outcome of the Revolutionary War has affected our lives in America today. Provide details and specific examples to support your answer.

**Do not write on this page. Please write your answer to this open-response question on the next page. **

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## Social Studies Scoring Guide

### Primary Academic Expectation:

**2.20** Students understand, analyze, and interpret historical events, conditions, trends, and issues to develop historical perspective

### Primary Core Content Code:

**SS-08-5.1.2** Students will explain how history is a series of connected events shaped by multiple cause-and-effect relationships and give examples of those relationships.

Score	Description
4	Student correctly identifies three causes that led to the Revolutionary War. The student clearly explains one way in which the outcome affects our lives today. The response shows in-depth understanding of the topic and supports this with details. All explanations are thorough and complete.
3	
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0	<b>Student's response is totally incorrect or irrelevant.</b>
Blank	<b>No student response.</b>

