

READINESS STANDARDS - 8th Grade US History

(8.1) **History.** The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877. The student is expected to

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| (A) identify the major eras and events in U.S. history through 1877, including colonization, revolution, drafting of the Declaration of Independence, creation and ratification of the Constitution, religious revivals such as the Second Great Awakening, early republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, reform movements, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and describe their causes and effects | Cause, Effect |
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(8.2) **History.** The student understands the causes of exploration and colonization eras. The student is expected to

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| (A) identify reasons for European exploration and colonization of North America | Political, Economic, Mercantilism, Religious |
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(8.3) **History.** The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States. The student is expected to

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| (A) explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period | Self-government, Representative government |
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(8.4) **History.** The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary era. The student is expected to

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| (A) analyze causes of the American Revolution, including the Proclamation of 1763, the Intolerable Acts, the Stamp Act, mercantilism, lack of representation in Parliament, and British economic policies following the French and Indian War | Mercantilism, Representation |
| (C) explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence; writing the Articles of Confederation; fighting the battles of Lexington, Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783 | Revolution, Declaration, Independence |

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| (E) analyze the arguments for and against ratification | Federalism, Ratify |
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(8.5) **History.** The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson. The student is expected to

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| (A) describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic such as maintaining national security, building a military, creating a stable economic system, setting up the court system, and defining the authority of the central government | Judicial review |
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(8.5) **History.** The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson. The student is expected to

(C) explain the origin and development of American political parties	Political parties, Federalists, Democratic-Republicans
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(E) identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine	Foreign policy, Doctrine
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(8.6) **History.** The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation. The student is expected to

(A) explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States	Ordinance
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(B) explain the political, economic, and social roots of Manifest Destiny	Destiny, Expansion
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(D) explain the causes and effects of the U.S.-Mexican War and their impact on the United States	Resolution, Treaty, Expansionism
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(8.7) **History.** The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War. The student is expected to

(B) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States	Regionalism, Sectionalism
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(8.8) **History.** The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War. The student is expected to

(B) explain the causes of the Civil War, including sectionalism, states' rights, and slavery, and significant events of the Civil War, including the firing on Fort Sumter; the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg; the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation; Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House; and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln	Sectionalism, States' rights, Emancipation, Surrender, Assassination
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(8.9) **History.** The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation. The student is expected to

(C) explain the economic, political, and social problems during Reconstruction and evaluate their impact on different groups	Reconstruction, Suffrage
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(8.10) **Geography.** The student understands the location and characteristics of places and regions of the United States, past and present. The student is expected to

(B) compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics	Physical Geography, Human Geography
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(C) analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors on major historical and contemporary events in the United States	Physical Geography, Human Geography
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(8.11) **Geography.** The student understands the physical characteristics of North America and how humans adapted to and modified the environment through the mid-19th century. The student is expected to

(A) analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries

Rural, Urban, Population distribution

(8.23) **Culture.** The student understands the relationships between and among people from various groups, including racial, ethnic, and religious groups, during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The student is expected to

(A) identify selected racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration

Immigration, Ethnic Group, Famine, Persecution

(8.24) **Culture.** The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century. The student is expected to

(B) evaluate the impact of reform movements, including educational reform, temperance, the women's rights movement, prison reform, abolition, the labor reform movement, and care of the disabled

Temperance, Abolition

(8.25) **Culture.** The student understands the impact of religion on the American way of life. The student is expected to

(C) analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life

Persecution, Tolerance

(8.15) **Government.** The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and other important historic documents. The student is expected to

(C) identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence and explain how those grievances were addressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights

Grievances, Declaration

(D) analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, and individual rights

Republicanism, Checks and balances, Federalism, Popular Sovereignty

(A) identify the influence of ideas from historic documents, including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, the Federalist Papers, and selected Anti-Federalist writings, on the U.S. system of government

Compact, Federalist

(8.16) **Government.** The student understands the process of changing the U.S. Constitution and the impact of amendments on American society. The student is expected to

(A) summarize the purposes for and process of amending the U.S. Constitution

Amendment

(B) describe the impact of 19th-century amendments, including the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments, on life in the United States

Bondage, Suffrage, Amendments

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(8.17) **Government.** The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system. The student is expected to

(A) analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason	Federalist
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(C) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states' rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War	Nullification
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(8.18) **Government.** The student understands the impact of landmark Supreme Court cases. The student is expected to

(A) identify the origin of judicial review and analyze examples of congressional and presidential responses	Judicial Review
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(8.19) **Citizenship.** The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States. The student is expected to

(A) define and give examples of unalienable rights	Unalienable
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(B) summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights	Petition, Militia
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(8.12) **Economics.** The student understands why various sections of the United States developed different patterns of economic activity. The student is expected to

(B) explain reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery	Transatlantic, Plantation
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(D) analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times in U.S. history	Industrial, Manufacturing, Agricultural
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(8.13) **Economics.** The student understands how various economic forces resulted in the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. The student is expected to

(B) identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization	Investment capital, Innovations
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(8.27) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the impact of science and technology on the economic development of the United States. The student is expected to

(A) explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, and interchangeable parts	Innovations
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(B) analyze the impact of transportation and communication systems on the growth, development, and urbanization of the United States	Urbanization
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(8.1) **History.** The student understands traditional historical points of reference in U.S. history through 1877. The student is expected to

(B) apply absolute and relative chronology through the sequencing of significant individuals, events, and time periods

Absolute Chronology, Relative Chronology

(C) explain the significance of the following dates: 1607, founding of Jamestown; 1620, arrival of the Pilgrims and signing of the Mayflower Compact; 1776, adoption of the Declaration of Independence; 1787, writing of the U.S. Constitution; 1803, Louisiana Purchase; and 1861–1865, Civil War

Compact, Adoption, Declaration, Constitution

(8.2) **History.** The student understands the causes of exploration and colonization eras. The student is expected to

(B) compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies

Political, Economic, Religious

(8.3) **History.** The student understands the foundations of representative government in the United States. The student is expected to

(B) analyze the importance of the Mayflower Compact, the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, and the Virginia House of Burgesses to the growth of representative government

Compact, Burgesses, Representative government

(C) describe how religion and virtue contributed to the growth of representative government in the American colonies

Virtue, Tolerance

(8.4) **History.** The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary era. The student is expected to

(B) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including Abigail Adams, John Adams, Wentworth Cheswell, Samuel Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, James Armistead, Benjamin Franklin, Bernardo de Gálvez, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Haym Salomon, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington

Marquis, Patriot, Finance

(D) analyze the issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, including the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise

Compromise, Constitutional, Ratification

(8.5) **History.** The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson. The student is expected to

(B) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system

Protective tariffs, Currency, Imports, Exports

(D) explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812

Impressment, Embargo, Neutrality

(F) explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson, including expanded suffrage

Suffrage, Caucus

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(8.5) **History.** The student understands the challenges confronted by the government and its leaders in the early years of the republic and the Age of Jackson. The student is expected to

(G) analyze the reasons for the removal and resettlement of Cherokee Indians during the Jacksonian era, including the Indian Removal Act, Worcester v. Georgia, and the Trail of Tears	Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, Resettlement, Era
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(8.6) **History.** The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation. The student is expected to

(C) analyze the relationship between the concept of Manifest Destiny and the westward growth of the nation	Expansion, Manifest Destiny
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(E) identify areas that were acquired to form the United States, including the Louisiana Purchase	Annexation, Expansionism
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(8.7) **History.** The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War. The student is expected to

(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War	Tariff, Secession, Nullification
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(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free blacks	Economic, Manumission
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(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War, including the roles of John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, and Daniel Webster	Compromise, Tariff, Fugitive
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(8.8) **History.** The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War. The student is expected to

(A) explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Civil War, including Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, and Abraham Lincoln, and heroes such as Congressional Medal of Honor recipients William Carney and Philip Bazaar	Secession, Emancipation, Recipients
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(C) analyze Abraham Lincoln's ideas about liberty, equality, union, and government as contained in his first and second inaugural addresses and the Gettysburg Address and contrast them with the ideas contained in Jefferson Davis's inaugural address	Secession, Union, Malice, Score
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(8.9) **History.** The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation. The student is expected to

(A) evaluate legislative reform programs of the Radical Reconstruction Congress and reconstructed state governments	Reconstruction, Radical, Ratify, Veto
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(B) evaluate the impact of the election of Hiram Rhodes Revels	Senator, Freedmen
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(8.9) **History.** The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation. The student is expected to

(D) identify the effects of legislative acts such as the Homestead Act, the Dawes Act, and the Morrill Act	Homestead, Assimilation, Land Grant
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(8.10) **Geography.** The student understands the location and characteristics of places and regions of the United States, past and present. The student is expected to

(A) locate places and regions of importance in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries	Regions, Physical Feature, Human geography
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(8.11) **Geography.** The student understands the physical characteristics of North America and how humans adapted to and modified the environment through the mid-19th century. The student is expected to

(B) describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States	Modifications, Human Geography
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(C) describe how different immigrant groups interacted with the environment in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries	Immigrant, Environment, Famine
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(8.12) **Economics.** The student understands why various sections of the United States developed different patterns of economic activity. The student is expected to

(A) identify economic differences among different regions of the United States	Agriculture, Plantation, Industrial, Urbanization
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(C) explain the reasons for the increase in factories and urbanization	Textiles, Manufacturing, Urbanization
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(8.13) **Economics.** The student understands how various economic forces resulted in the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century. The student is expected to

(A) analyze the War of 1812 as a cause of economic changes in the nation	Embargo, Impressments
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(8.14) **Economics.** The student understands the origins and development of the free enterprise system in the United States. The student is expected to

(A) explain why a free enterprise system of economics developed in the new nation, including minimal government intrusion, taxation, and property rights	Intrusion, Tariff, Property Rights, Free Enterprise, System
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(B) describe the characteristics and the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system during the 18th and 19th centuries	Free Enterprise System, Entrepreneur
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(8.15) **Government.** The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and other important historic documents. The student is expected to

(B) summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation	Federalist, Anti-Federalists, Confederation
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(8.18) **Government.** The student understands the impact of landmark Supreme Court cases. The student is expected to

(B) summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases, including Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden

Judicial Review, Contract, Commerce

(C) evaluate the impact of selected landmark Supreme Court decisions, including Dred Scott v. Sandford, on life in the United States

Abolitionist, Property rights

(8.19) **Citizenship.** The student understands the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States. The student is expected to

(D) identify examples of responsible citizenship, including obeying rules and laws, staying informed on public issues, voting, and serving on juries

Civic Virtue, Citizenship

(E) summarize the criteria and explain the process for becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States

Criteria, Naturalized Citizen, Residence

(8.20) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of voluntary individual participation in the democratic process. The student is expected to

(A) explain the role of significant individuals such as Thomas Hooker, Charles de Montesquieu, John Locke, William Blackstone, and William Penn in the development of self-government in colonial America

Republic, Democracy, Self-government, Natural Right

(B) evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue

Civic Virtue

(C) analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as the Boston Tea Party and Henry David Thoreau's refusal to pay a tax

Civil Disobedience

(8.21) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of the expression of different points of view in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to

(A) identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups on important historical and contemporary issues

Democratic, Republican, Platform, Federalist

(B) describe the importance of free speech and press in a constitutional republic

Constitutional Republic

(C) summarize a historical event in which compromise resulted in a peaceful resolution

Compromise, Resolution

(8.22) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to

(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, John Marshall, and Abraham Lincoln

Judicial Review, Precedent, Executive

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(8.22) **Citizenship.** The student understands the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. The student is expected to

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| (B) describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass, John Paul Jones, James Monroe, Stonewall Jackson, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton | Abolitionist, Suffrage, Constitution, Confederate |
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(8.23) **Culture.** The student understands the relationships between and among people from various groups, including racial, ethnic, and religious groups, during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. The student is expected to

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| (B) explain the relationship between urbanization and conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs | Urbanization, Immigrants |
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| (C) identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were resolved | Immigrants, Urban, Rural, Nativists |
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| (D) analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity | Immigrants, Assimilation |
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| (E) identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society | Suffrage, Temperance |
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(8.24) **Culture.** The student understands the major reform movements of the 19th century. The student is expected to

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| (A) describe the historical development of the abolitionist movement | Abolitionists |
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(8.25) **Culture.** The student understands the impact of religion on the American way of life. The student is expected to

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| (A) trace the development of religious freedom in the United States | Toleration |
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| (B) describe religious motivation for immigration and influence on social movements, including the impact of the first and second Great Awakenings | Revival |
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(8.26) **Culture.** The student understands the relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created. The student is expected to

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| (A) describe developments in art, music, and literature that are unique to American culture such as the Hudson River School artists, John James Audubon, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," transcendentalism, and other cultural activities in the history of the United States | Transcendentalism, Nationalism |
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| (B) identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras | Transcendentalism, Romanticism, Nationalism |
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| (C) analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life | Romanticism, Conservation, Transcendentalism, Landscape |
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(8.27) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the impact of science and technology on the economic development of the United States. The student is expected to

(C) analyze how technological innovations changed the way goods were manufactured and marketed, nationally and internationally

Innovations, Manufacturing

(D) explain how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as how the factory system contributed to rapid industrialization and the Transcontinental Railroad led to the opening of the west

Industrialization, Transcontinental, Innovations

(8.28) **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the impact of scientific discoveries and technological innovations on daily life in the United States. The student is expected to

(A) compare the effects of scientific discoveries and technological innovations that have influenced daily life in different periods in U.S. history

Innovations, Telegraph, Interchangeable parts

(B) identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the United States

Industrialization, Urbanization