

History-Social Science in the Common Core State Standards

- California State Content Standards for History-Social Science remain in place
- A committee of representatives from 18 states is drafting a set of national social studies standards
- History-Social Science continues (through 2013/2014) to be tested through the CST in grades:
 - Grade 8- Cumulative CST covering grades 6-8
 - Grade 9 or 10- Modern World History
 - Grade 11- US History (emphasizing the 20th Century)
- The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) address history-social science in two ways:
 - Emphasis on non-fiction text throughout the standards
 - Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and the Technical Subjects (grades 6-12)
- History-social science is supported by the CCSS
 - Reading increasingly complex non-fiction text
 - Reading multiple source
 - Reading primary and secondary sources
 - Identification of bias/point of view
 - Research and informational writing
 - Persuasive/argumentative writing (with evidence)
- The Next Generation Assessments will include test items based on history-social science texts

A vision for this integration [these standards] emphasizes critical and close reading of non-fiction text and primary sources, argumentative and informational writing, developing annotated bibliographies, using technology for research and presentations, persevering and working well with others, and communicating effectively.

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