## Exploration and Colonization

### History
The student understands the causes of exploration and colonization eras.

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### Connected Knowledge and Skills
8.3, 8.7, 8.11, 8.12, 8.23, 8.25

## Process (Tools to Know)

### Exploration and Colonization

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- **8.29(A)** differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources
- **8.29(C)** organize and interpret information
- **8.30(A)** use social studies terminology correctly

## Reasons for Exploration and Early Colonization

- **8.2(A)** identify reasons for English, Spanish, and French exploration and colonization of North America
  - *Spiral Standard: 8.1(A)*
- **8.2(B)** compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies
  - *Spiral Standards: 8.1(B), 8.10(A)*

## Physical and Human Geography of the Colonial Regions

- **8.11(A)** analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, ... in the United States
  - *Spiral Standard*
- **8.23(A)** identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration
  - *Spiral Standards: 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.12(C)*
- **8.2(B)** compare political, economic, religious, and social reasons for the establishment of the 13 English colonies
  - *Spiral Standards: 8.10(A), 8.11(B), 8.23(D)*

## Economics of the Colonial Regions

- **8.11(A)** analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced ... economic activities in the United States
  - *Spiral Standard*
- **8.7(C)** analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States
  - *Spiral Standard: 8.12(C)*
- **8.12(B)** explain reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery
  - *Spiral Standard: 8.12(A)*

## Representative Government and Its Growth

- **8.3(A)** explain the reasons for the growth of representative government and institutions during the colonial period
  - *Spiral Standards: 8.1(A), 8.15(D)*
- **8.3(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
- **8.3(C)** describe how religion and virtue contributed to the growth of representative government in the American colonies
- **8.15(E)** explain the role of significant individuals such as Thomas Hooker, Charles de Montesquieu, and John Locke in the development of self-government in colonial America
- **8.25(A)** trace the development of religious freedom in the United States
  - *Spiral Standard: 8.23(D)*

## Process (Ways to Show)

### Analysis

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- **8.29(B)** analyze information in a variety of ways
  - *connected 8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)*

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### American Revolution

**8.4 History.** The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary ... era.

*Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.15, 8.19, 8.20, 8.22, 8.23*

### Process (Tools to Know)

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- **8.30(A)** use social studies terminology correctly

*connected 8.29(D), 8.29(F)*

### Content

**Causes of the Revolution**

- **8.4(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

- **8.4(B)** explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including Abigail Adams, John Adams, ... Samuel Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, ... Benjamin Franklin, Crispus Attucks, King George III, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, ... Thomas Paine, and George Washington

- **8.20(A)** evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue

- **8.20(B)** analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as the Boston Tea Party ...

- **8.23(E)** identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society  
*Spiral Standard*

*Spiral Standards: 8.10(A), 8.23(D), 8.26(A)*

**Revolutionary War**

- **8.4(C)** explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including ... fighting the battles of Lexington and Concord, Saratoga, and Yorktown; enduring the winter at Valley Forge; and signing the Treaty of Paris of 1783

*Spiral Standard: 8.1(A)*

- **8.4(B)** explain the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution, including Abigail Adams, John Adams, Wentworth Cheswell, ... Mercy Otis Warren, James Armistead, Benjamin Franklin, Crispus Attucks, King George III, ... Thomas Jefferson, the Marquis de Lafayette, Thomas Paine, and George Washington

- **8.20(A)** evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue

- **8.22(B)** describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as ... John Paul Jones ...

*Spiral Standard: 8.10(A)*

**Independence**

- **8.15(C)** identify colonial grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence ...

- **8.4(C)** explain the issues surrounding important events of the American Revolution, including declaring independence ...

- **8.19(A)** define and give examples of unalienable rights

*Spiral Standard: 8.1(B)*

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## >> Constitution

**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.

### Connected Knowledge and Skills
- 8.4, 8.7, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18, 8.19, 8.21, 8.25

## Process (Tools to Know)

**8.29(A)** differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources

**8.29(C)** organize and interpret information

**8.30(A)** use social studies terminology correctly

**8.29(D)**, **8.29(F)**

## Content

### Constitutional Convention

- **8.4(D)** analyze the issues of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, including the Great Compromise and the Three-Fifths Compromise
- **8.7(C)** analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.1(A), 8.10(C)
- **8.15(B)** summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.1(B), 8.21(C), 8.23(C)

### Government/Citizenship

- **8.15(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
- **Spiral Standard**
- **8.15(A)** identify the influence of ideas from historic documents, including the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights, the Mayflower Compact, ... on the U.S. system of government
- **8.16(A)** summarize the purposes for amending the U.S. Constitution
- **8.18(A)** identify the origin of judicial review
- **8.19(C)** identify examples of responsible citizenship, including obeying rules and laws, staying informed on public issues, voting, and serving on juries
- **Spiral Standard:** 8.21(A)

### Ratification Debate

- **8.17(A)** analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason
- **8.15(A)** identify the influence of ideas from historic documents, including the ... Federalist Papers on the U.S. system of government
- **Spiral Standard:** 8.1(A)
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.21(A), 8.21(C)

### Bill of Rights

- **8.19(B)** summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights
- **8.15(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
- **8.16(A)** summarize the purposes for amending the U.S. Constitution
- **8.19(A)** define and give examples of unalienable rights
- **8.25(C)** analyze the impact of the First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom on the American way of life
- **Spiral Standard:** 8.15(D)
- **8.21(B)** describe the importance of free speech and press in a constitutional republic
- **8.25(A)** trace the development of religious freedom in the United States

## Process (Ways to Show)

**8.29(B)** analyze information in a variety of ways

**8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)**

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**Early Republic**

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*Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.6, 8.13, 8.18, 8.20, 8.22*

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**Process (Tools to Know)**

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| 8.29(A) | differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources |
| 8.29(C) | organize and interpret information |
| 8.30(A) | use social studies terminology correctly |

*connected 8.29(D), 8.29(F)*

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**Content**

### Setting the Precedent: The First Six Presidents

- 8.22(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, ...
- 8.5(E) ... explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address ...

*Spiral Standard: 8.1(A)*

- 8.20(A) evaluate the contributions of the Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue

### Formation of Political Parties

- 8.5(C) explain the origin and development of American political parties
- 8.5(E) ... explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address ...
- 8.5(B) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system

*Spiral Standard: 8.21(A)*

### Domestic Issues of the Early Republic

- 8.5(A) describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic, including maintaining national security, creating a stable economic system, and setting up the court system
- 8.6(A) explain how the Northwest Ordinance established principles and procedures for orderly expansion of the United States
- 8.18(A) identify the origin of judicial review

*Spiral Standard: 8.10(C)*

- 8.18(B) summarize the issues, decisions, and significance of landmark Supreme Court cases, including Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, and Gibbons v. Ogden
- 8.22(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as George Washington, John Marshall, and Abraham Lincoln

*Spiral Standards: 8.1(B), 8.11(B)*

### National Security and Foreign Policy of the Early Republic

- 8.5(E) identify the foreign policies of presidents Washington through Monroe and explain the impact of Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine
- 8.5(A) describe major domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new republic, including maintaining national security, ...
- 8.5(D) explain the causes, important events, and effects of the War of 1812
- 8.13(A) analyze the economic effects of the War of 1812

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**Process (Ways to Show)**

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#### Age of Jackson

**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.

*Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.17, 8.23*

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#### Content

**Jacksonian Democracy**

- 8.5(F) explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson, including expanded suffrage
- 8.5(C) explain the development of American political parties
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.1(A), 8.15(D)
- 8.5(B) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and the banking system
- 8.7(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War, including the role of John Quincy Adams
- **Spiral Standard:** 8.21(C)

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**Conflicts and Compromise**

- 8.17(B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states’ rights, including the Nullification Crisis ...
- 8.7(C) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.12(C), 8.15(D)
- 8.5(B) summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, ... and the banking system
- 8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War
- 8.7(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War ...
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.10(A), 8.21(A)

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**Removal and Resettlement of the Cherokee Indians**

- 8.5(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
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.10(C), 8.15(D)
- 8.23(C) identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed
- **Spiral Standard**
- **Spiral Standards:** 8.21(A), 8.23(D), 8.26(A)

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#### Process (Ways to Show)

- 8.29(B) analyze information in a variety of ways

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### Westward Expansion

**8.6 History.** The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation.

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Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.11, 8.20, 8.27

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Connected 8.29(D), 8.29(F)

### Content

#### Roots/Causes of Manifest Destiny

- **8.6(B)** analyze the westward growth of the nation, including the Louisiana Purchase and Manifest Destiny

  Spiral Standards: 8.1(A), 8.10(C)

- **8.27(C)** analyze how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as the ... construction of the Transcontinental Railroad

  Spiral Standards: 8.11(B), 8.23(C), 8.28(A)

#### Factors Contributing to Settlement

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

  Spiral Standards: 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.12(C)

- **8.27(C)** analyze how technological innovations brought about economic growth such as ... the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad

  Spiral Standards: 8.1(B), 8.10(A), 8.11(B), 8.12(A), 8.23(D), 8.23(E), 8.26(A), 8.28(A)

#### Conflicts Arising from Westward Expansion

- **8.6(C)** explain the causes and effects of the U.S.-Mexican War and their impact on the United States

- **8.7(C)** analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States

- **8.20(B)** analyze reasons for and the impact of selected examples of civil disobedience in U.S. history such as ... Henry David Thoreau’s refusal to pay a tax

  Spiral Standard: 8.23(C), 8.23(D)

### Process (Ways to Show)

| 8.29(B) | analyze information in a variety of ways |

Connected 8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)
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>> Industrialization

8.13 Economics. The student understands how various economic forces resulted in the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.5, 8.12, 8.14, 8.23, 8.27, 8.28

Process (Tools to Know)

8.29(A) differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources
8.29(C) organize and interpret information
8.30(A) use social studies terminology correctly

Content

Causes of Industrialization

● 8.13(B) identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization
● 8.23(A) identify racial, ethnic, and religious groups that settled in the United States and explain their reasons for immigration
● 8.5(D) explain the ... effects of the War of 1812
● 8.13(A) analyze the economic effects of the War of 1812

Free Enterprise and Innovation

● 8.14(B) describe the characteristics and the benefits of the U.S. free enterprise system through 1877
● 8.27(A) explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations such as the steamboat, the cotton gin, the telegraph, and interchangeable parts

Effects of Industrialization

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

Process (Ways to Show)

8.29(B) analyze information in a variety of ways

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### Reform and Culture

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**Content**

#### Causes of the Reform Movements

- **8.25(B)** describe religious influences on social movements, including the impact of the second Great Awakening

  *Spiral Standard: 8.1(A)*

- **8.23(B)** explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs

#### Reform Movements

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

- **8.22(B)** describe the contributions of significant political, social, ... leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass, ... Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

- **8.24(A)** describe and evaluate the historical development of the abolitionist movement

  *Spiral Standards: 8.10(A), 8.23(E)*

#### American Culture

- **8.26(A)** identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras such as the Hudson River School artists, ... and transcendental literature

  *Spiral Standard*

- **8.26(B)** analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life

**Process (Ways to Show)**

| 8.29(B) | analyze information in a variety of ways |

*connected 8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)*
## Civil War

8.7 **History.** The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War.

8.8 **History.** The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War.

**Connected Knowledge and Skills** 8.17, 8.18, 8.22, 8.23, 8.26

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- 8.30(A) use social studies terminology correctly

**Connected** 8.29(D), 8.29(F)

### Content

#### Causes of the Civil War: Expansion of Slavery

- 8.8(B) explain the central role of the expansion of slavery in causing sectionalism, disagreement over states’ rights, and the Civil War
- 8.7(C) analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States
  - **Spiral Standards:** 8.10(B), 8.10(C)
- 8.7(B) compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free blacks
- 8.18(C) evaluate the impact of landmark Supreme Court decision Dred Scott v. Sandford on life in the United States
  - **Spiral Standards:** 8.12(A), 8.23(C), 8.23(E)

#### Causes of the Civil War: Sectionalism

- 8.8(B) explain the central role of the expansion of slavery in causing sectionalism ...
  - **Spiral Standards:** 8.1(A), 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.12(C), 8.15(D)
- 8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War
- 8.7(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War ...
  - **Spiral Standards:** 8.10(A), 8.12(A), 8.21(A), 8.23(C)

#### Causes of the Civil War: States’ Rights

- 8.8(B) explain the central role of the expansion of slavery in causing ... disagreement over states’ rights ...
  - **Spiral Standard:** 8.15(D)
- 8.17(B) explain constitutional issues arising over the issue of states’ rights, including the Nullification Crisis and the Civil War
  - **Spiral Standard:** 8.15(D)
- 8.7(A) analyze the impact of tariff policies on sections of the United States before the Civil War
- 8.7(D) identify the provisions and compare the effects of congressional conflicts and compromises prior to the Civil War ...
- 8.23(B) explain how urbanization contributed to conflicts resulting from differences in religion, social class, and political beliefs
  - **Spiral Standards:** 8.21(A), 8.21(C)

**TEKS clusters typically requiring additional time and focus in the curriculum**

(continued)
Civil War (continued)

8.7 History. The student understands how political, economic, and social factors led to the growth of sectionalism and the Civil War.

8.8 History. The student understands individuals, issues, and events of the Civil War.

Content

The Civil War

8.8(C) explain significant events of the Civil War, including the firing on Fort Sumter; the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg; the Emancipation Proclamation; Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House; and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Spiral Standards: 8.1(A), 8.10(C)

8.8(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

8.8(D) 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

8.22(A) analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed leaders of the United States such as ... Abraham Lincoln

8.22(B) describe the contributions of significant political, social, and military leaders of the United States such as Frederick Douglass ...

8.26(A) identify examples of American ... music ... that reflect society in different eras such as ... the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” ...

Spiral Standard

Spiral Standards: 8.1(B), 8.28(A)

Process (Ways to Show)

8.29(B) analyze information in a variety of ways

connected 8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)

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### Reconstruction

**8.9 History.** The student understands the effects of Reconstruction on the political, economic, and social life of the nation.

**Connected Knowledge and Skills 8.7, 8.16, 8.19, 8.26**

### Process (Tools to Know)

- **8.29(A)** differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources
- **8.29(C)** organize and interpret information
- **8.30(A)** use social studies terminology correctly

**connected 8.29(D), 8.29(F)**

### Content

#### Events of Reconstruction

- **8.16(B)** describe the impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments
- **8.16(A)** summarize the purposes for amending the U.S. Constitution
- **8.19(A)** define and give examples of unalienable rights

_Spiral Standard: 8.1(A)_

- **8.9(A)** evaluate legislative reform programs of the Radical Reconstruction Congress and reconstructed state governments
- **8.9(B)** explain the impact of the election of African Americans from the South such as Hiram Rhodes Revels
- **8.26(B)** analyze the relationship between fine arts and continuity and change in the American way of life

_Spiral Standards: 8.21(A), 8.21(C), 8.23(D)_

#### Problems and Impacts

- **8.9(C)** explain the economic, political, and social problems during Reconstruction and evaluate their impact on different groups

_Spiral Standards: 8.10(B), 8.10(C)_

- **8.7(B)** compare the effects of political, economic, and social factors on slaves and free blacks

_Spiral Standard: 8.23(D)_

### Process (Ways to Show)

- **8.29(B)** analyze information in a variety of ways

_connected 8.29(E), 8.29(G), 8.29(H), 8.30(B), 8.30(C), 8.31(A)_
### PROCESS STANDARDS: SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLS

| 8.29 | The student applies critical-thinking skills to organize and use information acquired through established research methodologies from a variety of valid sources, including technology. |
| 8.30 | The student communicates in written, oral, and visual forms. |
| 8.31 | The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others. |

#### TOOLS TO KNOW

| 8.29(A) | Differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about the United States |
| 8.29(C) | Organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps |
| 8.29(F) | Evaluate the validity of a source based on corroboration with other sources and information about the author |
| 8.29(D) | Identify bias and points of view created by the historical context surrounding an event |
| 8.30(A) | Use social studies terminology correctly |

#### WAYS TO SHOW

| 8.29(B) | Analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions |
| 8.29(G) | Create a visual representation of historical information such as thematic maps, graphs, and charts representing various aspects of the United States |
| 8.30(B) | Use effective written communication skills, including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism |
| 8.30(C) | Create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information |
| 8.31(A) | Use problem-solving and decision-making processes to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider advantages and disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of the solution |
| 8.29(H) | Pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns shown on maps, graphs, and charts |
| 8.29(E) | Support a point of view on a social studies issue or event |
### Historical Points of Reference Spiral Standards

8.1(A) identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877, including colonization, revolution, creation and ratification of the Constitution, early republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, reform movements, sectionalism, Civil War, and Reconstruction, and describe their causes and effects

8.1(B) 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

### Political Spiral Standards

8.15(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

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

8.21(C) summarize historical events in which compromise resulted in a resolution such as the Missouri Compromise, the Compromise of 1850, and Kansas-Nebraska Act

### Economic Spiral Standards

8.12(C) analyze the causes and effects of economic differences among different regions of the United States at selected times

8.12(A) identify economic differences among different regions of the United

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

### Geographic Spiral Standards

8.10(B) compare places and regions of the United States in terms of physical and human characteristics

8.10(C) analyze the effects of physical and human geographic factors such as weather, landforms, waterways, transportation, and communication on major historical events in the United States

8.11(A) analyze how physical characteristics of the environment influenced population distribution, settlement patterns, and economic activities in the United States

8.10(A) locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries

8.11(B) describe the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the physical environment of the United States

### Social Spiral Standards

8.23(C) identify ways conflicts between people from various racial, ethnic, and religious groups were addressed

8.23(D) analyze the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity

8.23(E) identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women to American society

8.26(A) identify examples of American art, music, and literature that reflect society in different eras such as the Hudson River School artists, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and transcendental literature