

New Question Type Samplers — Grade 8 Social Studies Answer Key

| Item Position | Item Type | TEKS Alignment | Maximum Number of Points | Correct Answer(s) |
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| 1 | Inline Choice | 3.15.E | 2 | Charles de Montesquieu unlimited power |
| 2 | Inline Choice | 1.5.E | 2 | neutrality limit |
| 3 | Hot Spot | 2.10.A | 1 | Pennsylvania |
| 4 | Hot Spot | 2.10.C | 2 | Thick forests Deep harbors Abundant sea life |
| 5 | Hot Text | 3.15.C | 1 | obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. |
| 6 | Hot Text | 1.1.B | 2 | Tasked with revising the existing government, the delegates came up with a completely new one. It stands today as one of the longest-lived and most [imitated] constitutions in the world |
| 7 | Drag and Drop | 1.4.B | 2 | Thomas Jefferson: Summarized the reasons for breaking away from Britain in the Declaration of Independence George Washington: Led the Continental Army in key victories against the British Thomas Paine: Wrote ideas in the pamphlet <i>Common Sense</i> that inspired colonists to support the revolution Crispus Attucks: Became the first casualty of the American Revolution when he was killed at the Boston Massacre |
| 8 | Drag and Drop | 3.15.B | 2 | Powers Included in the Articles of Confederation: The federal government could sign peace treaties. The federal government could organize a national war effort. Powers Absent from the Articles of Confederation: The federal government could impose tariffs and collect taxes. |

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| | | | | The federal government could regulate interstate commerce. |
| 9 | Multipart | 2.10.C | 2 | Part A. B: Harsh climate conditions made it difficult to collect needed supplies along the journey. Part B. D: "In summer, water sources dried up, oxen perished and families endured thirst." |
| 10 | Multipart | 4.12.B | 2 | Part A. B: Geographic factors contributed to people in New England using the slave trade to make profits. Part B. B: "With a landscape and climate unsuitable for large-scale commercial farming, New Englanders looked to the sea. . . ." |
| 11 | Match Table Grid | 2.23.A | 2 | To avoid famine caused by potato crop failure: Irish To escape harsh economic conditions: Both To find work building the railroad in the western United States: Both |
| 12 | Match Table Grid | 2.10.A | 2 | Gold discovered in 1848: West First English settlement founded in 1607: South Mayflower Compact signed in 1620: North Battle of Gettysburg fought in 1863: North |
| 13 | Multiselect | 1.8.B | 2 | A: By increasing sectional tensions over the idea of states' rights C: By inspiring the creation of the Republican Party that opposed the spread of slavery |
| 14 | Multiselect | 3.19.B | 2 | D: Refusing to testify at a trial for fear of getting into legal trouble E: Claiming protection from being charged multiple times for the same crime |
| 15 | Short Constructed Response | 1.1.B | 2 | *A rubric is used to determine the score for a short constructed response. |

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| | | | | <p>Doubled the size of the United States, which added resources. Provided more land for grazing and farming.</p> <p>The United States gained control of the Mississippi River.</p> <p>Crops could be transported on the Mississippi River, goods traded at the Port of New Orleans.</p> <p>Settlements grew to the west of the Mississippi River, leading to the idea of "Manifest Destiny."</p> <p>It increased interactions with American Indians, which led to various governmental policies such as forced removal.</p> <p>Debates over the issue of slavery in the new territory led to the Missouri Compromise.</p> <p>Lewis and Clark/Zebulon Pike were sent to explore, and they provided information about the geography of the West.</p> |
| 16 | Short Constructed Response | 4.27.A | 2 | <p>*A rubric is used to determine the score for a short constructed response.</p> <p>Increased cotton production by making it easier to separate seeds from fiber.</p> <p>Made cotton a profitable cash crop in southern states.</p> <p>Expanded northern textile mills.</p> <p>More demand for land caused American Indians to be forced off their land.</p> <p>More demand for enslaved labor to produce cotton.</p> |