

Appendices

Appendix A

GRADE 5 ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEST SPECIFICATIONS GRID

(Revised 6/1/2001)

NUMBER OF MULTIPLE-CHOICE ITEMS BY STANDARD AND UNIT

Standard → Unit ↓	1 US AND NY HISTORY	2 WORLD HISTORY	3 GEOGRAPHY	4 ECONOMICS	5 CIVICS, CITIZEN- SHIP, AND GOVERNMENT	RANGE
1-Culture and History of World Communities	0	2-4	0	0	0	2-4
2-Location and Geographic Characteristics of World Communities	0	0-2	3-4	0	0	2-6
3-Meeting Basic Needs and Wants in World Communities	0	0-2	0	3-4	0	3-6
4-Government of World Communities	0	0-2	0	0	2-4	3-6
5-Early Inhabitants and the European Encounter	2-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	2-6
6-Colonial Life and the Revolutionary War in NY State	2-3	0	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-9
7-The New Nation and NY State	2-4	0	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-9
8-Industrial Growth and Expansion in NY State	2-4	0	0-2	0-2	0-2	2-9
9-Government: Local, State, and National	2-4	0	0	0	3-8	5-12
10*-Cross-Topical/Skills-Based	0-2	0-2	2-4	0-2	0-2	2-12
TOTAL						35

*Items placed in column 10 are either cross-topical or test basic social studies skills found throughout the K-4 social studies program.

Appendix B

Components and Weighting of the Grade 5 Elementary Social Studies Test

ITEM TYPE	NUMBER OF ITEMS	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF THE TEST
Multiple-choice items*	35	50%
Constructed response*	3-4	20%
Document-based question* (DBQ)	1	10% - Scaffolded question (or notes) 20% - essay TOTAL = 30%

Components of the *Grade 5 Final Test Sampler Draft* Keyed to the Social Studies Standards

ITEM TYPE	STANDARD(S)
Multiple-choice*	Covers all Social Studies Standards (History of the United States and New York, World History, Geography, Economics, and Civics, Citizenship, and Government)
Constructed response*	Item 1: History of the United States and New York (Standard 1) Item 2: History of the United States and New York (Standard 1) Item 3: Economics (Standard 4) Item 4: Geography (Standard 3)
Document-based question*	History of the United States and New York, Geography, Economics

* Students must answer all questions on each part of the Grade 5 Elementary Social Studies Test. There is no choice of questions.



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Comment Sheet**

YES

No

1. **Content**—Are the questions generally appropriate in content?

Comments:

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2. **Difficulty**—Are the questions generally appropriate in difficulty?

Comments:

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3. **Directions**—Are the directions in the Test Sampler Draft clear and easy for students to follow?

Comments:

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4. **Time**—Would most of the students be able to complete this test within the time allotted (two sessions of 1 to 1 1/2 hours each)?

Comments:

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5. **Additional Comments:**

