

ISTEP+: Grade 7 Social Studies Blueprint Beginning Spring 2015

There are four Indiana Standards for Grade 7 Social Studies, and they are divided into four categories for reporting student achievement. Age-appropriate concepts are assessed within each category.

Reporting Category	Standards Assessed and Description	Percent Range *
1 – History	<p>Standard 1</p> <p>Questions may include explaining the importance and achievements of early civilizations; tracing the steps of the development of written language; explaining the importance of political and trading centers; describing historical events in the Middle East since World War II; using maps, charts, graphs, and timelines to evaluate historical data and determine how it affected the history of the Eastern Hemisphere; and identifying historical origins and central beliefs of major world religions.</p>	39-49%
2 – Civics and Government	<p>Standard 2</p> <p>Questions may include identifying functions of international organizations; defining citizenship; and identifying routes to independence from colonial rule by countries in Africa, Asia, and the Southwest Pacific.</p>	8-18%
3 – Geography	<p>Standard 3</p> <p>Questions may include identifying countries and capitals in the Eastern Hemisphere; locating places using latitude and longitude; identifying and describing major physical characteristics in Africa, Asia, and the Southwest Pacific; describing the effects of climate and landforms on people; and defining ethnocentrism.</p>	27-37%
4 – Economics	<p>Standard 4</p> <p>Questions may include using Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to compare standards of living in various countries; providing examples of trade between countries in Africa, Asia, and the Southwest Pacific; defining traditional, command, market, and mixed economies; and identifying economic principles and terms.</p>	7-17%

* This range represents the approximate emphasis for each reporting category on the assessment.