

Eighth Grade | Social Studies Power Standards

Civics

1. Understands how key ideals set forth in fundamental documents, including the Washington State Constitution and tribal treaties, define the goals of our state.
2. Evaluates efforts to reduce discrepancies between democratic ideals and reality in the United States and Washington state including the Civil Rights Movement.
3. Understands and analyzes the structure, organization and powers of government at the local, state and tribal levels.

Economics

4. Analyzes how the forces of supply and demand have affected the production, distribution and consumption of goods, services and resources.

Geography

5. Understands and analyzes how the environment has affected people and how people have affected the environment in U.S. history and Washington state history.

History

6. Understands how the following themes and developments help to define eras in U.S. history and Washington's history:
 - Development and struggles in the West, including Washington Territory, treaties, and statehood
 - Industrialization, railroads, immigration, and urbanization
 - The emergence of the U.S. as a world power
 - Progressive Era, Roaring Twenties, and the Great Depression
 - International relations and conflicts: World War I, World War II, Cold War, Korean War, Vietnam War, conflict in the Middle East
 - Suffrage and civil rights
 - Development of American culture and subcultures
 - New technologies and industries
 - Contemporary U.S. and Washington state
7. Analyzes and interprets historical materials from a variety of perspectives in U.S. history (1877-present).
8. Analyzes how a historical event in U.S. history helps us to understand a current issue (1877 – present).

Social Studies Skills

9. Understands reasons based on evidence for a position about events in U.S. history, including Washington state history.

