

West Virginia Social Studies Standards Revised 10-23-2007

Level	Description	DOK	Item Written
Grade 9	Social Studies		
Citizenship			
SS.O.9.1.1	Describe the evolution of the roles and responsibilities of individuals and groups leading to the formation of nation states.	2	
SS.O.9.1.2	Assess the nature of civic responsibility in various cultures including the level of involvement of the different stratifications of society.	3	
SS.O.9.1.3	Analyze the causes of conflict and propose resolutions	3	
SS.O.9.1.4	Participate in a project of volunteer service and explain why you chose that particular project or service.	3	
Civics/Government			
SS.O.9.2.1	Evaluate diverse ideas about the purposes of government.	3	
SS.O.9.2.2	Identify and analyze the contributions of the classical civilizations to the development of the United States Constitution. Identify classical civilizations and significant political philosophers and evaluate their contributions to the development of the United States Constitutional Democracy	3	
SS.O.9.2.3	Explain world historical events that affected the development of representative democracy in the United States and other countries.	2	
SS.O.9.2.4	Analyze how the United States has influenced other nations and how other nations have influenced the American political process and society.	3	
SS.O.9.2.5	Compare, contrast and evaluate alternative ways of organizing constitutional governments.	3	
Economics			
SS.O.9.3.1	Examine and illustrate the trade patterns of regions of the world across time and explain their significance to the evolution of global economics.	2	
SS.O.9.3.2	Evaluate the role of exchange/trade systems in the development of economic systems in societies worldwide.	3	

SS.O.9.3.3	Compare and contrast fiscal policies of several world societies.	2	
SS.O.9.3.4	Identify the causal relationship of economic changes and their effects on the job market (e.g., supply and demand, technology, industrialization).	2	
SS.O.9.3.5	Examine and evaluate global economic interdependence and competition and explain their influence on national and international policies.	3	
Geography			
SS.O.9.4.1	Interpret information using maps, graphs, charts and timelines.	2	
SS.O.9.4.2	Locate geographic features of the continents (e.g., plateaus, high points, low points, bodies of water major river valleys).	1	
SS.O.9.4.3	Explain how the location of world resources influenced economic development and the global economy.	2	
SS.O.9.4.4	Evaluate the effect of geographic features, including climate, upon the environment.	3	
SS.O.9.4.5	Examine the development of major political boundaries of the world and relate these to the theme of geo-politics.	3	
SS.O.9.4.6	Connect the cultural settlement patterns resulting from migration in each period of study to the world language patterns as they evolved and are evident today and then assess the role of physical geography in the development of these patterns.	3	
SS.O.9.4.7	Explain geographic reasons for the development of major world cities and trends in urban population growth.	2	
SS.O.9.4.8	Research major world rivers systems and climate regions (e.g., desert, rain forest/tropical, Mediterranean, etc.), correlate the migration/settlement patterns, industry, culture, government, and economic systems with these environments draw conclusions, and recommend a favorable settlement area based on findings.	3	
History			
SS.O.9.5.1	Examine the measure the contributions of art and literature throughout different historical periods.	2	
SS.O.9.5.2	trace the evolution of the changing status of women and children throughout the world in all historical periods addressed.	2	

SS.O.9.5.3	Read and in interpret historical charts, tables, graphs, narratives, primary source documents, political cartoons and timelines and summarize their information.	2	
SS.O.9.5.4	Explain the effects of significant political developments and trends in the world before 1900.	2	
SS.O.9.5.5	Explain the interaction of early humans with their environment and evaluate their decisions (e.g., hunting, migration, shelter, food, clothing).	3	
SS.O.9.5.6	Compare and contrast the causes and effects of the rise and decline of ancient civilizations (e.g., the river civilizations, classic Greek and Roman).	2	
SS.O.9.5.7	Explain the basic tenets of major world religions and philosophies, their places of origin and the status of those religions today.	2	
SS.O.9.5.8	Describe the location, movement, unique contributions and characteristics of Arab/Islamic society.	2	
SS.O.9.5.9	Explain feudalism and its effects on the development of societies around the world (e.g., Europe, China, Japan).	3	
SS.O.9.5.10	Identify and evaluate the political and economic roles and the cultural contributions of religious institutions in medieval society.	3	
SS.O.9.5.11	Compare and contrast the acceptance of diversity in hierarchical societies.	2	
SS.O.9.5.12	Analyze and assess the concept of nation building (e.g., city states, Rome, rise of European nation states).	3	
SS.O.9.5.13	Recognize the worth of the individual in society and relate to the growth of the concept of the Renaissance man.	2	
SS.O.9.5.14	Describe how European needs/wants for foreign products contributed to the Age of Exploration.	2	
SS.O.9.5.15	Evaluate the effects of the Enlightenment in European society.	3	
SS.O.9.5.16	Analyze the cause of the Crusades and the effects on regions involved.	3	
SS.O.9.5.17	Analyze the historical developments of the Protestant Reformation including the effects of theology, politics and economics.	3	
SS.O.9.5.18	Describe the Agricultural and Industrial revolutions and decide their impact on the evolution of society.	3	
SS.O.9.5.19	Analyze the causes and effects of political revolutions and determine their impact on the formation of governments and on the citizens of a society (e.g., French, Italian, German, Latin American).	3	

SS.O.9.5.20	Compare and contrast the American and French revolutions and their aftermaths.	2	
SS.O.9.5.21	Explain reasons for and consequences of the breakdown of order among nation states.	2	
SS.O.9.5.22	Examine the legal documents and systems which influenced western civilization and rank them in order of importance.	3	
SS.O.9.5.23	Compare and contrast absolute and constitutional monarchies and identify representative leaders of each.	2	
SS.O.9.5.24	Assess the impact of colonization on both the mother countries and the colonies	3	