
The Social Studies section of the GED exam: Historical facts and dates!

Our advice: memorize a period in history from every era. (The Great Depression, PanAm Flight 103, Pearl Harbor, The Civil Rights Movement, or even the 9/11 attacks in NYC). World history is US History as far as America is concerned. The United States constantly enters into treaties of all kinds to resolve third world issues and debts. Economical Structure is also important to our survival. Equal distribution of the world's natural and manufactured resources is crucial to human co-existence.

Research political cartoons in your city newspaper. Often our government officials are labeled with certain personalities based on their political standing (democrat, republican, or conservative). It is important that you recognize the difference between national stereotypes and actual views of these officials. How else will we elect the persons we believe in the most? Studying U.S. History helps us understand the rights Americans value and the responsibilities of our democracy.

World History is an ongoing feud for the most power, intimidation, and respect. Studying World history helps us find the value of the past, in hopes of bettering the future. An implication is a hint toward a certain idea or concept. You can recognize Implications by facts and conclusions the writer points out.

Understanding how the government and political system work is the key in asserting our position as a free people. A FACT is information that actually occurred, and can be proven. An OPINION is an interpretation of something that may have happened. Political arguments are full of opinions. Although opinions are usually about facts, they are not always based on sound reasoning.

Comparing & Contrasting means to examine two or more things, understand how they are the same and different. Look for similarities and differences. Place the items in categories for comparison. When something doesn't make sense, you must identify the errors in reasoning of concepts. It is up to the reader or listener to note if reasoning has gone wrong and to reject conclusions based on faulty logic.

Economics is the study of the decisions involved in the ways goods and services are: produced, distributed, consumed and used. If we understand economics, we will be better consumers. Many of the choices we make involve Economics. Learning to spend the money we make wisely is what Good Economics is all about.

Understanding the Earth and its resources has always been essential to human survival. As humans, we need to know where to find water, places to grow food, and materials needed for shelter. Geography is the study of the physical and human environments; and how they affect each other. Knowing geography helps us understand the land we live on and how to make better use of it.

Maps give us info about land. This may include the way the land is shaped, location, direction, and distance. Also, the lands climate, resources, and population. Learning to read maps is crucial when traveling to not get lost. To find what is in a map, look at the title and symbols (legend). The Compass Rose displays the directions (north, south, east, and west)

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