Social Studies Topic Study Sheet

**What this is:** A list of potential test question topics for the Social Studies content covered in the Praxis II Middle School, Elementary, and Broadfield Social Studies Tests.

**Disclaimer:** Not everything on this list will appear on the test you take; nor does this list include everything that will be covered on the exam. It is meant to help you study specific content that has a high likelihood of appearing on the exam.

**Suggestions for use:** Quiz yourself to ensure you can discuss each topic to the extent required for a simple explanation to a student. For example, one topic below is Mediterranean climate type. To be adequately prepared you would want to be able to answer the following: How would you describe this climate in terms of the annual rain and temperature ranges it would experience? Where is this climate type found? What sorts of vegetation or animal life would be commonly found there?

You can work through the terms one at a time, or you can sort the terms below into distinct categories (or onto a timeline) to further aid your study.

**Physical Geography**

Map reading
- Equator
- latitude
- longitude
- legend
- topography

Plate tectonics
- continental drift
- Pangea
volcanos
earthquakes

Climate
Moist sub tropical
Wet equatorial
Mediterranean
Boreal forest
air pressure
jet stream
barometric pressure

Rivers
Mississippi
Missouri
Nile
Amazon
Danube
Tigris/Euphrates
Yellow (Huang He)

Lakes/water
Tahoe
Great Lakes of North America
Bikal
Como
Victoria
Hudson Bay
Bay of Bengal
Victoria Falls
Niagra Falls

Mountain ranges
North America
  Appalachians
  Piedmont region
  Rockies
  Cascades
    Mt. Rainer
  Pacific ranges
  Continental Divide

Other
Himilayas
Mt. Everest

Alps
Andes

Deserts
desertification
Gobi
Sahara

Human History: Social, Political, and Economic

United States
Native American peoples
Inuit (Eskimos)
Anasazi
Northwest (Kwakiutl)
Plains Indians
Mound builders
Iroquois
Cherokee
Seminole

Policy/political perspectives/political organization
Articles of the Confederation
Constitution--creation of, parts
Monroe Doctrine
Kansas-Nebraska Act 1854
Panama Canal
Roosevelt’s New Deal
Plessy vs. Ferguson
Conservative and Liberal political platforms
Executive, Judicial, and Representative Branches of government
Role of interest groups in politics
Marbury vs. Madison
How a bill becomes law
Abolitionist Movement
Harriet Tubman
Uncle Tom’s cabin
The Liberator
Underground railroad
Niagara Movement
Transcendentalism
Utopianism
The First Great Awakening
Social Darwinism
Waltham or Lowell factory

**Global Themes, People, Events**

Religions and terms
- Islam
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Daoism
- Buddhism
- Sikhism
- Torah
- Umpanishans
- Ramayana
- Koran
- Bible
- Mosque
- Jerusalem
- Catholic
- Protestant
- Mohammad
- Diaspora

Feudalism
Monarch/monarchies
Tang Dynasty
Han Dynasty
Copernicus
Aristotle
Hippocrates
Volare
Mayans
Aztecs
Agricultural Revolution
Industrial Revolution
Steam engine
Renaissance
Reformation
Enlightenment
Crusades
Steam engine
Green Revolution
Alexander the Great
Andrew Carnegie
Thomas Jefferson
functional region
John Locke
Alexis de Toquville
Adam Smith
Karl Marx
Glasnost/perestroika
Techological revolution
United Nations
Monopoly
Monopolistic competition
Oligopoly
Unemployment rate
Fractional reserve banking
Exploitation of wage differential
Demographic transition
Cultural diffusion
Max Weber
Role of Singapore in global trade
cultural diffusion
Green Revolution
desertification
reserve banking system
Bubonic plague
Kyoto protocol
Command Economy
Recession/depression
Inflation
Prohibition
Women’s Suffrage

Explorers
Marco Polo
Magellan
Columbus
Cortes
Ponce de Leon
Hudson
Lewis and Clark
Organizations

European Union
United Nations
World Trade Organization
NATO
OPEC
World Bank