...Explain the importance of government principles within the context of United States history from Reconstruction to the present.

...Analyze the evolution of American democracy--its ideas, institutions and political processes from Reconstruction to the present.

...Describe changes of United States domestic and foreign policies from Reconstruction to the present.

...Demonstrate an understanding of the causes and impacts of the wars in the twentieth-century that are pertinent to United States history.

...List criteria that give regions their identities in different periods of United States history; explain how and why regions change.

...Explain major economic concepts and the significance of the American Economy in the context of the historical periods studied.

...Analyze the roles people, political parties, interest groups, business, labor unions, and government play in the United States economy.

... Read and comprehend historical/social studies materials and write routinely and coherently over a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences for the appropriate grade level.