

2018-19 TNReady Social Studies Grades 6-8 Assessment Fact Sheet

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Social Studies Assessment Overview

This fact sheet provides information about the TNReady social studies grades 6-8. The social studies assessments will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards for social studies, which require students to demonstrate historical awareness, geographical understanding, and the ability to analyze primary source documents.

For information on the other TNReady assessments in grades 6-8, click [here](#).

Test Administration Schedule

For a full schedule of all statewide assessments, see the Statewide Assessment Schedule on the department website ([here](#)).

Test Administration Times

The time for administration of the social studies assessment in grades 6-8 is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Subpart Timing

The following timing details are applicable to all social studies Grades 6-8 assessments and reflects both the number of operational assessment items and the number of field test assessment items.

Subpart 1	Subpart 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 minutes • 23-28 multiple choice or multiple select items • 1-2 written response items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 minutes • 23-28 multiple choice or multiple select items • 1-2 written response items

Performance Levels and Scale Scores

Student performance on Tennessee’s statewide assessments is categorized into four performance levels.

Table 2 provides information regarding student achievement at each performance level for the TNReady social studies tests. This information is provided on student reports so that students, parents, and educators may interpret student results in a meaningful way.

Table 2. Performance Levels

Level 1 (Below)	Level 2 (Approaching)	Level 3 (On-track)	Level 4 (Mastered)
Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has a minimal understanding and has a nominal ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student is approaching understanding and has a partial ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has a comprehensive understanding and has a thorough ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.	Performance at this level demonstrates that the student has an extensive understanding and has an expert ability to apply the grade/course-level knowledge and skills defined by the Tennessee Academic Standards.

Performance level scale score ranges for the TNReady Social Studies assessments for grades 6-8 are provided in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Performance Levels for the TNReady Social Studies Grades 6-8 Assessment Scale Scores

Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Grade 6	200–298	299-328	329-357	358–450
Grade 7	200-304	305-315	316-343	344-450
Grade 8	200-312	313-331	332-355	356-450

Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category

For grades 6-8 social studies, 100 percent of the assessment items come from the Tennessee Academic for Social Studies. Provided in Tables 4-6 are score point distribution percentage ranges of total score points by sub-score category for each assessment. Ranges reflect percentage of operational assessment items.

Table 4. Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category for Grade 6, World History and Geography: Early Civilizations through the Decline of the Roman Empire (5th century C.E.)

Assessment	Human Origins and the Emergence of Civilizations and Mesopotamia	Ancient Civilizations: Egypt and Israel	Ancient Civilizations: India and China	Ancient Greece to 300 BC	Ancient Rome to CE 500
	(6.1 – 6.14)	(6.15-6.22 & 6.39-6.45)	(6.23-6.38)	(6.46-6.59)	(6.60-6.72)
Grade 6 World History	16-22%	18-24%	22-30%	18-24%	18-24%

Table 5. Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category for Grade 7, World History and Geography: The Middle Ages to the Exploration of the Americas

Assessment	Early Modern Civilizations	The Legacy of the Roman Empire and the Middle Ages	Early Modern Europe: Renaissance and Reformation	Early Modern Europe: Enlightenment Through the Age of Exploration
	(7.3-7.31)	(7.1-7.2 & 7.32-7.42)	(7.43-7.58)	(7.59-7.75)
Grade 7 World History	34-40%	18-26%	18-26%	18-26%

Table 6. Score Point Distribution by Sub-Score Category for grade 8, United States History and Geography: Colonization of North America to Reconstruction and the American West

Assessment	Colonization (8.1-8.14)	Development of an American Republic (8.15-8.37)	The Young Nation to the Divided Nation (8.38-8.63)	Slavery in America and the Civil War (8.64-8.81)	Reconstruction and Westward Expansion (8.82-8.98)
Grade 8 United States History	12-18%	24-30%	24-30%	16-22%	16-22%

Test Administration Information

Within the state testing window, testing schedules are established **by the district at the school and/or district level**. It is at the district’s discretion to allow schools to set their own testing schedules, independent of a district testing schedule. Please see details on subparts for each subject and grade level on the updated testing times chart [here](#). Districts can choose to combine subparts and administer them on the same day.

The social studies assessments for grades 6-8 may consist of the following item types:

- Multiple choice
- Multiple select
- 2 point and 4 point written response items

Practice Tests

The practice test is a content-specific tool that allows students and test administrators the opportunity to gain exposure to a variety of test item types. The department has provided the following practice tools to support educators and students:

- **Paper practice tests:** PDF versions of practice tests for grades 6-8 are available and posted on EdTools ([here](#)).
- **Online practice tests:** The online versions of the practice test are available on the Nextera platform ([here](#)) for grades 6-8.

Note that there is only one practice test form for each subject area/grade level combination; this same form is available in a computer-based and paper-based version.

Additional Information

Please visit the [department's website](#) for more information about the statewide assessment program.