

8th Grade American History & Constitution Test

Prentice Hall: *America, History of Our Nation*

Since the Constitution Test is based on this text, we have created a typical study format and pacing guide that will take full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. This text, *Prentice Hall: America, History of Our Nation*, is not required, so feel free to prepare your students using any American history text, being mindful of the Constitution Test and 8th grade standards. Using the Constitution Practice Tests will help prepare all students.

Day 1 - Read a chapter section (ex. are 1.1, 1.2 etc. – see your table of contents) and then take the online Progress Monitoring self-test. Go to www.PHSchool.com and put the web code into the top left spaces. There are only five (5) questions and you can try it again till the test is mastered, if that is your goal.

Day 2 – You may choose to complete the corresponding Interactive Reading and Notetaking Study Guide pages. It provides a brief overview and assessment of the text. Many of the Constitution Test questions come from this workbook. Also, the sidebar ✓ Checkpoint questions will be helpful in preparing for the test. Another suggestion would be to use the Check Your Progress questions at the end of each section in the text.

Days 3-5 – Repeat above, completing one to four sections per week. Also, check out our Discovery Streaming for support and enrichment.

8th Grade Social Studies Pacing Guide

At the end of each **section**, please take the **5-question online assessment AND** at the end of each **chapter**, please complete the **online assessment AND/OR** the corresponding **assessment pages in the Note-taking Study Guide**.

Week	Chapters	Topic	Class Support
8/14-8/28	1.1-1.3	American Roots – Begin Constitution Study Guide #1	
9/4	2.3-2.4 & 3.1	<i>Labor Day Holiday September 7</i> – Continue Constitution Study Guide #1	
9/11		Creating the Constitution – Continue Constitution Study Guide #1	PM SS 9/11
9/18		Note-taking Study Guide pages 16-31; Review, review, review!	T3 9/21
9/25		Note-taking Study Guide pages 16-31; Review, review, review!	PM SS 9/25
10/2		Constitution Test 1 – Citizenship Handbook Parts 1 & 2 (pages 126-129 in text); Note-taking Study Guide pages 34-62	PM SS 10/2
10/9		Citizen Handbook Parts 3-5 (pages 130-135 in text) – Constitution Study Guide #2 ; Note-taking Study Guide pages 34-62	PM SS 10/9
10/16	4.4	First Steps – Citizenship Handbook Parts 6-8 (pages 136-141 in text); Constitution Study Guide #2	T3 10/19
10/23		Citizenship Handbook parts 9-10 (pages 142-145 in text); Constitution Study Guide #2	PM SS 10/23
10/30	5.1-5.4	Era of Thomas Jefferson – Constitution Test #2 ; Community Service Project Proposal Due	PM SS 10/30
11/6	6.1-6.3	A Changing Nation	PM SS 11/6
11/13	6.4-6.5	<i>Thanksgiving Break is 11/20-11/24</i>	T3 11/16
11/20	7.1-7.2		
11/27	7.3-7.4		PM SS 11/27
12/4	8.1-8.2	An Age of Reform – 12/8 SPEECH DAY	PM SS 12/4
12/11	8.3-8.4	<i>Winter Break is 12/25/2017 – 1/5/2018</i>	PM SS 12/11
12/18	9.1-9.4	Westward Expansion	
1/8	10.1-10.2	The Nation Divided – <i>MLK Jr. Day is January 15th</i>	
1/15	10.3-10.4		
1/22	11.1-11.2	The Civil War	T3 1/25
1/29	11.3-11.4		PM SS 1/29
2/5	12.1	Reconstruction & the New South	PM SS 2/5
2/12	12.2-12.3	<i>Off for Presidents' Birthdays on February 10th and 20th</i>	PM SS 2/12
2/19	13.1-13.2	The West Transformed	T3 2/22
2/26	13.3-13.4		
3/5	14.1	Industry & Urban Growth	PM SS 3/5
3/12	14.2-14.3	Community Service Projects DUE	T3 3/15
3/19	14.4-14.5	Last Monday Afternoon Social Studies Class (End of Monday Classes)	PM SS 3/19
3/26	15.1-15.2	Political Reform & the Progressive Era	PM SS 3/26
4/2	15.3-15.4	<i>Spring Break is March 30th – April 6th</i>	
4/9	16.1-16.2		
4/16	16.3-16.4		
4/23		Linking Past to Present – Parts 1-4 (pages 582-597); Complete Study Guide Questions	
4/30		Linking Past to Present – Parts 5-7 (pages 598-611); Complete Study Guide Questions	
5/23/2017		YAY! GRADUATION!!!	