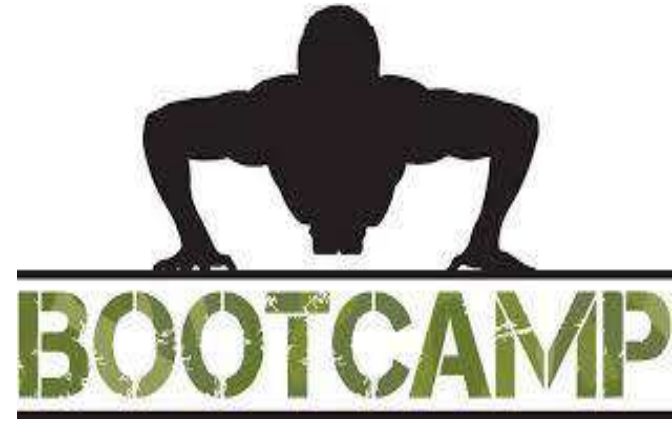


Social Studies

Milestones Boot Camp

Heather MacKenzie, Social Studies Coordinator
Regina Holland, Teacher on Special Assignment

How Can We Help?



■ Heather MacKenzie, Ed. S.

- Instructional Coordinator for Social Studies & World Languages
- 14 Years Experience: Elementary, Middle (ELA & SS) and Special Ed

■ Regina Holland, Ed. S.

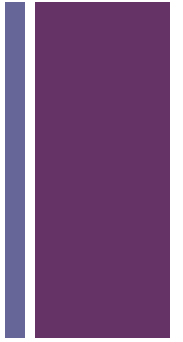
- Teacher on Special Assignment for Social Studies
- 23 Years Experience: Elementary, Middle (SS), and Gifted

Goals for Today

- **Importance of Social Studies**
- **Overview of Middle School Social Studies Curriculum**
- **Georgia Milestones**
 - Overview
 - Social Studies
 - Sample Questions
- **Resources**



What is Social Studies?

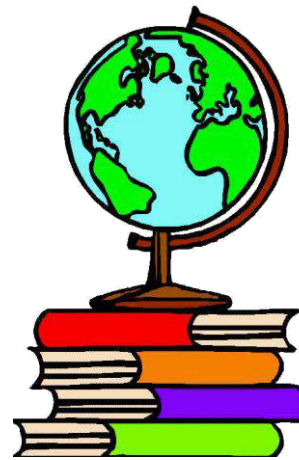


“the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence.”



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10 Themes of Social Studies



Culture

**Individuals,
Groups, and
Institutions**

**Individual
Development
and Identity**

**People, Places
and
Environments**

**Time,
Continuity, and
Change**

**Production,
Distribution,
and
Consumption**


**Power,
Authority, and
Governance**

**Civic Ideals
and Practices**

**Global
Connections**

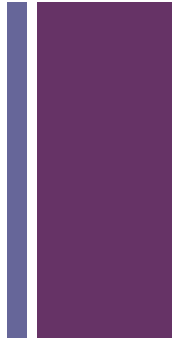
**Science,
Technology,
and Society**

Middle School Breakdown

6 th	7 th	8 th
Latin America	Africa	Georgia
Caribbean	Southwest Asia (Middle East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Geography■ Government/Civics■ Economics■ History  <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Reading■ Writing■ Information Processing■ Map & Globe Skills
Canada	Southern & Eastern Asia	
Europe		
Australia		

Georgia Milestones

Georgia
Milestones



- **Comprehensive Summative Assessment Program**
- **Grades 3 – High School**
- **Measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards (language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies).**

Assessments



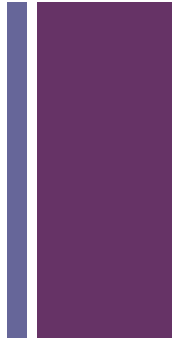
■ Grades 3 – 8

End of Grade (EOG) in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies

■ High School

End of Course (EOC) in 9th Grade Literature & Composition, American Literature & Composition, Coordinate Algebra, Analytic Geometry, Physical Science, Biology, US History, and Economics

Item Types



- **Selected Response** (Multiple-Choice)
 - All Content Areas
 - Evidence-Based Selected Response in ELA
- **Constructed-Response**
 - ELA and Mathematics
- **Extended-Response**
 - ELA and Mathematics





**CONSTRUCTED
RESPONSE**

How Do They Compare?

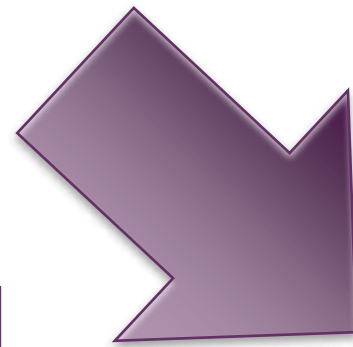
CRCT

vs.

Milestones

- **Domains: History, Geography, Economics, Civics/Government**
- **Selected Response**
- **Weights**

Domains	6	7	8
History	29%	20%	47%
Geography	31%	35%	12%
Civics/ Gov't	15%	20%	25%
Economics	25%	25%	16%



SAME

Social Studies



Will require understanding of the past and its influence on the present and future – including the interconnectedness of:



History
Culture
Geography
Economics



Government/Civics

General Test Parameters

Criterion-Referenced

Breakdown by Item Type:

- 55 Selected Response (worth 1 point each; approximately 10 of which are aligned NRT)

Norm-Referenced

- Total Number of Items: 20 (approximately 10 of which contribute to CR score)

Embedded Field Test

- Total field test items: 10

**Total number of
items taken by each
student: 75**





Test your vocab

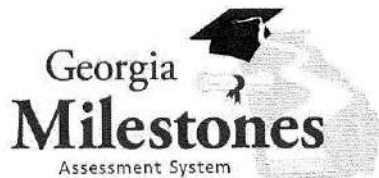
*How many words
do you know?*



Unpacking the Standards



Examining Sample Test Questions



Assessment Guide

Grade 6

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Assessment Guide



Georgia Milestones Grade 6 EDG Assessment Guide | Social Studies

Example Item 1

DOK Level: 1

Social Studies Grade 6 Content Domain: Geography

Standard: SS.6.G.1. The student will locate selected features of Latin America and the Caribbean. a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Amazon River, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, and Atacama Desert.

Look at the map.

Central and South America



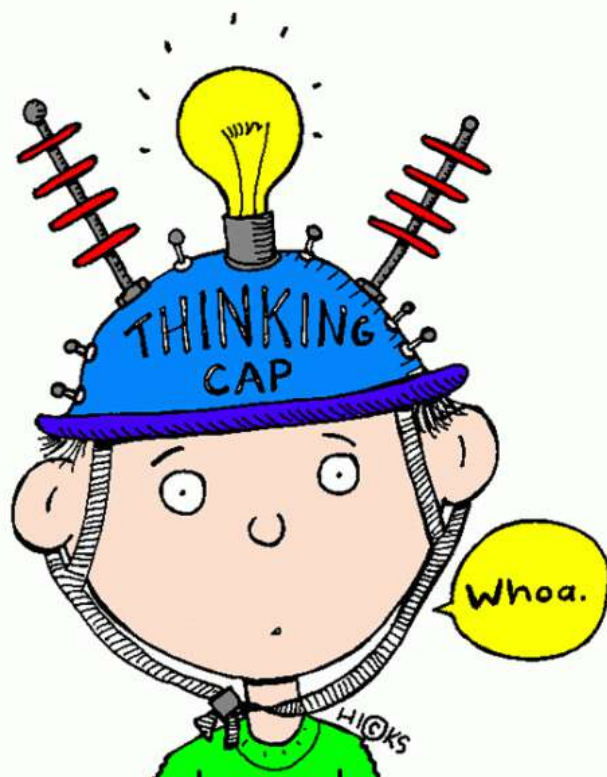
Which letter on the map shows the location of the Panama Canal?

- A A
- B B
- C C
- D D

Correct Answer: C

Explanation of Correct Answer: The correct answer is choice (C) C. The Panama Canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans through the Isthmus of Panama. Choice (A) is incorrect because it shows Mexico. Choice (B) is incorrect because it shows Guatemala. Choice (D) is incorrect because it shows Bolivia.

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Webb's Depth of Knowledge

DOK Level 1

(Recall)

Verbs: arrange, calculate, define, draw, identify, list, label, illustrate, match, memorize, recognize, tell, ...

Focus: on specific facts, definitions, details, or procedures

Note: there's one correct answer, and a combination of Level 1s does not make it a Level 2

DOK Level 2

(Skill / Concept)

Verbs: categorize, cause/effect, classify, compare, distinguish, estimate, graph, interpret, modify, predict, relate, show, summarize, ...

Focus: on applying skills and concepts explaining how or why

Note: there's one correct answer

DOK Level 3

(Strategic Thinking)

Verbs: assess, cite evidence, compare, conclude, construct, critique, develop logical argument, differentiate, formulate, hypothesize, investigate, revise, ...

Focus: on reasoning and planning in order to respond complex and abstract thinking required defending reasoning or conclusions

Note: multiple answers or approaches

DOK Level 4

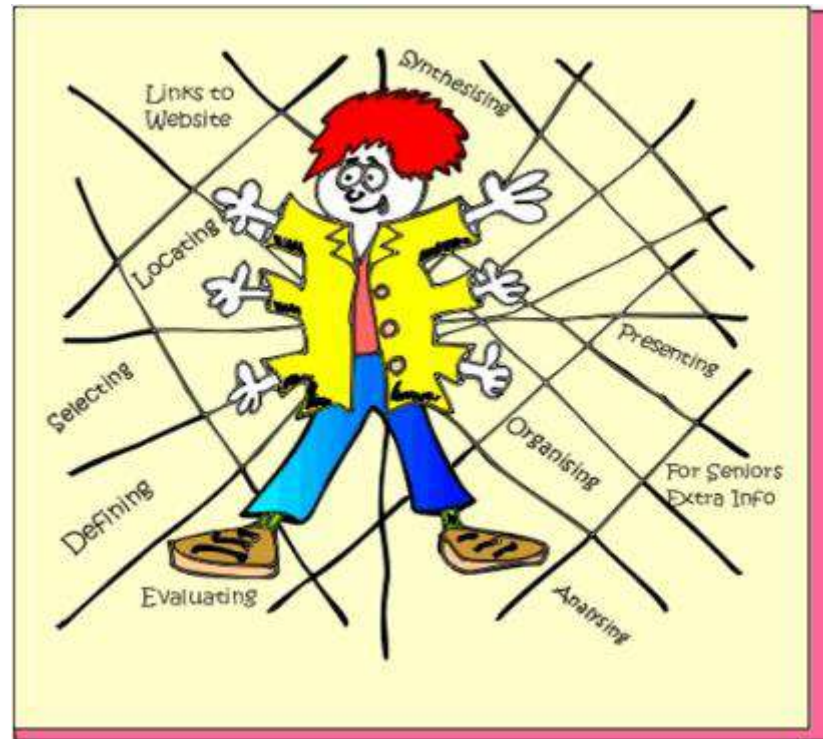
(Extended Thinking)

Verbs: apply concepts, analyze, connect, create, critique, design, prove, ...

Focus: on complex reasoning, planning, and thinking make real-world applications in new situations

Note: has multiple answers or approaches often requires extended periods of time with multiple steps

Skills/ Information



What skills/information will
your child need to answer
these questions?

Preparation



How has the work your child has done this year helped him or her prepare for this assessment?

Challenges



What are some of the challenges your child may have in answering these questions?

At-Home Strategies



Parental Involvement

Take Field Trips

Discuss Current Events

Engage in Geography Activities

Make Real-Life Connections with Economics

Expose to Other Cultures

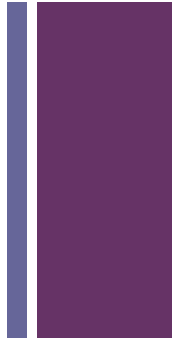
Help Develop Study Skills

Make Personal Connections to History

Read

Play Games

Resources



- **Content Standards**
 - frameworks, formative lessons, PARCC evidence statements
- **Sample Items**
 - formative items/benchmarks via Georgia OAS→GOFAR;
 - released items via PARCC, SBAC, other states (KY, NY), NAEP
 - parent's guide to Georgia's new assessment developed by the National PTA [<http://www.pta.org/advocacy/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3816>]
- **Georgia Milestones Test Blueprints/Content Weights**
- **Georgia Milestones EOG & EOC Assessment Guides**
- **Experience Online Testing Georgia website**
- **Georgia Milestones Technology Specifications**
- **Georgia Milestones Calculator Policy**
- **Allowable Accommodations**
- **Eliciting Evidence of Student Learning Modules**

GOFAR- The Georgia Online Formative Assessment Resource

- Provides the ability for Districts and Schools to assign benchmark and formative test items/tests to students in order to obtain information about student progress and instructional practice.
- Allows educators, and their students, to have access to a variety of test items – Selected Response and Constructed Response – that are aligned to the State-adopted content standards for Georgia’s elementary, middle, and high schools.

An Opportunity



Georgia Milestones represents a significant change and importantly – ***an opportunity*** – for our state.

This opportunity allows us to ***recalibrate***, as a state, and ***refocus*** on **teaching and learning** as a primary emphasis with assessment and accountability serving a ***supporting*** role.

Questions?



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+ legs

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