

Grades 5, 8 and High School BLUEPRINT

Social Studies Blueprint

- 1) All of the standards outlined in the *Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Social Studies* are eligible for assessment item development.
- 2) The assessments administered at Grades 5, 8 and 11 are **grade-span tests**:
 - Grade 5 test items will assess **Kindergarten** through Grade 5 standards.
 - Grade 8 test items will assess Grade 6 through Grade 8
 - Grade 11 test will assess civics, economics, geography, U.S. history and World history standards.
- 3) Blueprint
 - The Blueprint has dual purposes. It provides targets for test development and information to teachers as they make instructional decisions. Visit the [KDE's Assessment and Accountability Blueprint](#) webpage for more information on the blueprint development and revision process.
 - The Blueprint states that each grade-band assessment administered at grades 5, 8 and 11 will consist of each discipline strand subdomain (civics, economics, geography and history) comprise 25% of the overall assessment items. 50% of the discipline strand subdomains would have 50% of the questions that tagged to the inquiry standards. In order to achieve the target of the blueprint, assessment items may be dual aligned to the *KAS for Social Studies*.

Domain ¹	Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Civics	25%	25%	25%
Economics	25%	25%	25%
Geography	25%	25%	25%
History	25%	25%	25% ²

¹ Inquiry: 50% of the assessment items for each domain will also measure and be aligned to the inquiry practices.

² History should include U.S. History and World History.