8th Grade NC Social Studies Common Exam Topics (US History)

**History**

**History Skills:**
- Revolutionary War Timeline
- “all men are created equal”
- Primary Source (Vietnam War)

**Conflict:**
- American Wars
- Slavery
- States’ Rights
- Immigration Policies
- Great Depression
- Jim Crow Laws

**Leadership:**
- Founding Fathers
- The Regulators
- Greensboro 4
- Wilmington Race Riots of 1898

**Debate and Compromise:**
- Slavery Debates
- Budget Debates
- New Deal Debates
- Fashion Changes Debates
- Greensboro Sit-in Debates
- Great Compromise
- 2/5th Compromise
- Missouri Compromise
- Compromise of 1877

**Migration and Immigration:**
- Westward Movement
- African Slavery
- Trail of Tears
- The Great Migration
- Ellis Island

**Technology:**
- Angel Island
- Cotton Gin
- Canals
- Railroads
- Wright Brother’s airplane
- Research Triangle Park
- Dismal Swamp Canal

**Individuals:**
- John White
- Penelope Barker
- Henry Berry Lowery
- Ella Baker
- Terry Sanford
- Jim Hunt
- Jesse Helms
- James K Polk
- Abolitionists
- Edenton Tea Party

**Geography**

**NC Regions**
- US Regions
- NC Lack of Navigable Ports (coastal barrier)
- NC Lack of Infrastructure (Rip Van Winkle)
- Mountain Ranges
- Waterways
- Weather
- Formal, functional, vernacular region
- Physical Geography (NC/US)
- Cultural Geography
- Political Geography
- Ethnic Geography

**Life and Settlement Patterns:**
- Environmental Disasters
Alternative Energy
Coastal Restoration

**Economics**
Scarce Resources
Rip Van Winkle
Boom in 1920s
Great Depression
NC & California Gold Rush
Inflation
GDP
Unemployment
Personal Finances

**Civics and Government**
Limited Government
Popular Sovereignty
Separation of Powers
Republicanism
Federalism
Individual Rights

**Documents:**
Mecklenburg Resolves
Halifax Resolves
Declaration of Independence
Articles of Confederation
Bill of Rights
US Constitution
NC Constitution (1776, 1868, 1971)

**Differing View Points:**
Federalists v. Anti-Federalists
Education
Immigration
Healthcare

**Access to Rights:**
Enslaved people
Women
Landless farmers
American Indians
African American

**Effectiveness of Approaches:**
Picketing
Boycotts
Sit-ins
Voting
Marches
Holding Elected Office
Lobbying
Voting Rights
Access to Education
Access to Housing
Access to Employment

**Culture:**
Columbian Exchange
Slave Culture
Decline of American Indians
Moravians
Scots-Irish
Highland Scots
Latino
Hmong
African-Americans
American Indians

**Contributions to development of US/NC:**
Women
Religious Groups
American Indians
African Americans
European Immigrants