

Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081)

Preparation

You should download the exam short guide at <ftp://ftp.ets.org/pub/tandl/0081.pdf> for a general breakdown of the test.

You should take a practice test that appears in one of the several preparation manuals available for sale online or at the library.

You should not memorize the questions contained in the practice exams. It is unlikely that any of the questions will appear on the test. Instead, you should merely pay attention to the kind of questions, the length of the exam, the amount of time allotted, etc.

The best way to prepare for the examination is to read survey/introductory textbooks on the six fields that comprise the exam. US History, World History, and Political Science make up sixty percent of the test.

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| United States History | 22% |
| World History | 22% |
| Government/Civics/Political Science | 16% |
| Geography | 15% |
| Economics | 15% |
| Behavioral Science | 10% |

You should read the textbook from cover to cover and make occasional notes in the margins of the book. You should avoid the temptation to outline the book or take copious notes.

Purchase Textbooks

[Bookfinder \(select older editions to save money\)](#)

Registration

[Register for the Praxis](#)

Textbooks & Resources

United States History

John Mack Faragher, *Out of Many*

Alan Brinkley, *American History*

David Goldfield, *American Journey*

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/database/hyper_titles.cfm

World History

Bentley & Ziegler, *Traditions and Encounters*

Leften Stavrianos, *The World to 1500: A Global History*

Peter N. Stearns, *World History in Brief: Major Patterns of Change and Continuity, Combined*

American Government

George C. Edwards, *Government in America*

David Magleby, *Government by the People*

James Q. Wilson, *American Government: Institutions & Policies*

Cal Jillson, *American Government: Political Change and Institutional Development*

William Lasser, *Perspectives on American Politics*

Comparative Politics

John McCormick, *Comparative Politics in Transition*

Gabriel A. Almond, *Comparative Politics Today*

Comparative Politics Resource Center

Geography

L.M. Pulsipher, *World Regional Geography, Global Patterns, Local Lives*

DeBlij and Muller, *Geography: Realms, Regions, and Concepts*

Michael Bradshaw, *Essentials of World Regional Geography*

UT Austin Map Library

Economics

Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, *Macroeconomics*

Paul Krugman and Robin Wells, *Microeconomics*

Timothy Taylor, *Principles of Macroeconomics* (free online)

Timothy Taylor, *Principles of Microeconomics* (free online)

Behavioral Science

Wayne Weiten, *Psychology: Themes and Variations, Briefer Edition*

Peter Gray, *Psychology*

Joan Ferrante, *Sociology: A Global Perspective, Seventh Edition*