

Recommendations for Draft 2 of 2026 Social Studies TEKS Review (First Reading)

p. 9 Kindergarten Social Studies

“Explain that the Pilgrims were people from England who came to America seeking religious and political freedom and worked together to build a community”

Recommendation: Add back and embed the phrase “practice their faith in God”. The reason to eliminate should not have been because it was thought to be age inappropriate. However, to be accurate cannot say that faith in God was completely denied in England.

p. 48 Grade 5 Social Studies

“Who realized that the lands Columbus explored were not Asia” was deleted

Recommendation: Add back because it is important for students to understand that Amerigo Vespucci, the namesake for our country, recognized he was exploring new land.

p. 139 World History

Deleted students studying Plato’s Republic

Recommendation: Add back Plato’s Republic. This work is essential to student understanding our current form of government and every student should read this before the enter college.

p. 139 World History

“Describe the origins of Christianity, foundational beliefs from the Old and New Testaments including the influence on morality in the West and early growth of Christianity”

Recommendation: Have questions about how this will be discussed. Will the origins be purely factual? Concerned about someone giving inaccurate theological viewpoints.

p. 141 World History

“Describe the reasons for the expansion of Islam and name contributions including algebra and astronomy”

Recommendation: Instead of placing too much emphasis on the religion, explain that algebra and astronomy were contributions from Arabic and Islamic culture that was able to spread worldwide through the Islamic Golden Age.

P. 146 World History

“Explain the storming of the Bastille, the dissolution of the Catholic Church, and the execution of Louis XIV”

Recommendation: The Catholic Church did not dissolve in France after the French Revolution. It just lost its dominant position, politically and in society. It was actually still very well-funded, but it was suppressed at times, but not completely.

Instead say, “And the attempts by revolutionaries to de-Christian France, including waging war on the Catholic Church and slaughtering and executing priests and nuns”

p. 146 World History

Deleted “Evaluate intellectual, legal, and cultural causes of the industrial revolution including Adam Smith”

Recommendation: Add back this point in the standard. Understanding who Adam Smith is and reading excerpts of “The Wealth of Nations” is essential to having full knowledge of America and the study of Economics.

p. 205 Psychology

(1)(A) Only includes Hebrew Bible. Deleted “classical authors and modern philosophers and explain patterns in continuity over time”

Recommendation: Texas Values recommended at the previous meeting to add a Christian point of view. (suggesting Christian scripture or St. Thomas Aquinas)