

History, Government, and Social Studies State Assessment The Field Test

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HGSS Field-Test Results

- The field test was quite successful.
- We field tested 66 items in grade 6, 60 in grade 8, and 66 in grade 11.
- Of those, we will be able to keep 64 items in grade 6, 59 items in grade 8 and all 66 items in grade 11.
- The format will remain the same with 10-11 questions based on vignettes, 6-7 questions based on historical documents, and the multi-disciplinary performance task



The HGSS Assessment is in Four Parts

- MDPT Activity 1
 - Reading and responding to a general prompt with guiding questions from 2 source texts
- MDPT Activity 2
 - On-Demand writing
- HGSS Assessment Part 1
 - Historical vignettes
- HGSS Assessment Part 2
 - Interpreting Primary Source Document Excerpt



MDPT Activity 1

- Students are given a general prompt in the way of an introductory paragraph which gives students a purpose for reading
- Students are given three guiding questions they are not required to answer them and they are not scored
- Students are told the kind of writing they will be asked to do in Activity 2
- Students are given 2 document excerpts related to the general prompt to read and take notes over



MDPT Activity 1

	AVG. Completion Time	Time when 95% were complete
Grade	Activity 1	Activity 1
6	25	53
8	25	53
11	17	44

MDPT Activity 2

- Students are given directions and reminders on what constitutes a strong response
- Students are given the prompt type
- Students are given the specific prompt
- Students may use all of their notes from the earlier session, answers to the guiding questions, and any student generated writing aids.



MDPT Activity 2

	AVG. Completion Time	Time when 95% were complete
Grade	Activity 2	Activity 2
6	26	60
8	25	60
11	20	51

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Part I: Historical Vignettes

This part of the assessment would provide content by way of historical vignettes asking a single enhanced and/or enabled multiple choice items based on a particular standard and benchmark. These questions will be designed to measure the student's ability to use content in particular ways. The items would be matrixed across the classroom to insure the assessment of all standards and benchmarks 1-3. This is required so that we can demonstrate all standards are being assessed. (8 – 10 items)



Part II: Document Analysis

- Students are given a single document excerpt
- Students are asked to read and respond to three multiple choice or technology enhanced items
- Question 1 is about the author, audience, or purpose of the document
- Question 2 is about the context (what was going on at the time)
- Question 3 is about the main idea the author expresses in the excerpt



Grade 6 results

- There were 17 items on each form of the test, and the scores ranged from 0–17. The median score was 7 out of 17 correct.
- On the items, the lowest percent correct was 0.11 on a technology-enhanced item. The highest percent correct was 0.77 on a multiple-choice item.
- Average time of completion 34 minutes (59)



Grade 8 results

- There were 16 items on each form of the test, and the scores ranged from 0–16. The median score was 8.5 out of 16 correct.
- On the items, the lowest percent correct was 0.18 on a multiple-choice item. The highest percent correct was 0.84 on a multiple-choice item.
- Average completion time 26 minutes (40)



Grade 11 results

- There were 17 items on each form of the test, and the scores ranged from 0–17. The median score was 12 out of 17 correct.
- On the items, the lowest percent correct was 0.3 on a multiple-choice, multi-select item. The highest percent correct was 0.8 on a multiple-choice, multi-select item.
- Average completion time 22 minutes (35)



Performance by Topic: Grade 6

Unit	# of items	Avg. % Correct
Ancient Greece	13	36.4%
Early Americas	9	43.5%
Ancient Rome	8	47.3%
Early River Civilizations	14	47.8%
Asian Empires	6	48.7%
Middle Ages Europe	6	52.1%
African Civilizations	8	53.1%

Performance by Topic: Grade 8

Unit	# of items	Avg. % Correct
March To War	5	45.6%
Establishing America	14	50.8%
Rise of America	11	52.3%
Regionalism and Expansion	17	58.4%
Toward a More Perfect Union	12	59.9%

Performance by Topic: Grade 11

Unit	# items	Avg. % correct
Expansion and Imperialism	6	48.0%
Immigration and Industrialization	9	50.5%
Civil Rights	5	51.0%
Moving into the 21 st Century	6	52.7%
World War I and the Roaring 20s	15	56.8%
Cold War	12	59.8%
World War II and the Aftermath	6	60.9%
Great Depression	6	66.2%

Part I: Historical Vignettes

Write a question about

Choices

Rights

Beliefs

Diversity

Change

Consequences

Responsibilities

Ideas

Continuity

Dynamic Relationships

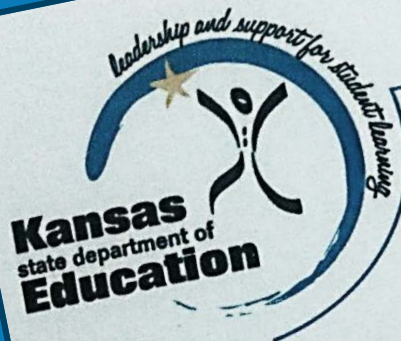
Asking them to

Recognize, Evaluate, Analyze context, Draw Conclusions,
Investigate, Make Connections to Current Events, Make a
claim and use evidence and argument to defend that claim



MDPT

- Go to the KSDE website under HGSS Or Social Studies is the Kansas Assessment Program Link [http://ksassessments.org/formative ss](http://ksassessments.org/formative_ss)
- Go to HGSS Tools and find the appropriate grade level



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