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## Recommendation

Yes

Comments: This is a very complete American History Package. The tools, the instruction and the materials presented provide the teacher with a variety of material that can be adjusted to the needs of most eighth grade classrooms. The material is also presented in a manner that the majority of eighth grade students can navigate independently, depending upon needs that may have to be addressed on a small group or individual student basis. As a teacher, I would find using this material very interesting and I think rewarding from student outcome.

#### **Material for Review**

Course: M/J United States History & Career Planning (2100015)

Title: Discovery Education Social Studies Techbook - United States History and Career Planning (Prehistory - Reconstruction), Edition: 1

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Grade Level: 6 - 8

# Content

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A. Alignment with curriculum 1. A. The content aligns with the state's standards and benchmarks for subject, grade level and learning outcomes.

In regard to that which can be measured by current state approved assessment (EOC), it is very well done. Was concerned with ULD until I found the strategies.

2. A. The content is written to the correct skill level of the standards and benchmarks in the course.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

In regard to that which can be measured by current state approved assessment (EOC), it is very well done.

3. A. The materials are adaptable and useful for classroom instruction.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

In regard to that which can be measured by current state approved assessment (EOC), it is very well done. Easily adjusted for classroom levels.

B. Level of Treatment4. B. The materials provide sufficient details for students to understand the significance of topics and events.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Text is on grade level. Struggling readers are provided with text to speech, which assists them and should benefit grade level readers with higher level and primary source documents.

5. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the standards.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Concern for low performing students, but seems to have the necessary tools for differentiation.

6. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the student abilities and grade level.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Concern for low performing students, but seems to have the necessary tools for differentiation.

7. B. The level (complexity or difficulty) of the treatment of content matches the time period allowed for teaching.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Much more material available for teaching the benchmark than would be allowed in order to cover the content area in one year. But adjustable to skill levels of the student and/or class allowing for greatest DOK.

**C. Expertise for Content Development**8. C. The primary and secondary sources cited in the materials reflect expert information for the subject.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

No problems. Good selection for varied student interests, as well.

9. C. The primary and secondary sources contribute to the quality of the content in the materials.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Yes!

D. Accuracy of Content 10. D. The content is presented accurately. (Material should be devoid of typographical or visual errors).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Not nearly enough time to check every page, but found none in any section.

11. D. The content of the material is presented objectively. (Material should be free of bias and contradictions and is noninflammatory in nature).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

No problems. Broad variety of historical characters, views, ethnics, and gender appropriate. Available in text and resources.

12. D. The content of the material is representative of the discipline? (Material should include prevailing theories, concepts, standards, and models used with the subject area).

13. D. The content of the material is factual accurate. (Materials should be free of mistakes and inconsistencies).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Does not infer the Haitian Revolution as a cause for Napoleon selling the Louisiana Territory...good job!

E. Currency of Content 14. E. The content is up-to-date according to current research and standards of practice.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Would like to have seen Solutreans included among theories of Earliest Americans...lots of evidence, still too controversial?

15. E. The content is presented to the curriculum, standards, and benchmarks in an appropriate and relevant context.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Yes

16. E. The content is presented in an appropriate and relevant context for the intended learners.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Yes, at grade level with assistance for struggling students and greater rigor for above grade level students. I think this would feed into high school course work easily.

F. Authenticity of Content 17. F. The content includes connections to life in a context that is meaningful to students.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

As much as possible, considering the events at heir latest occurred more than 150 years ago. Found some very good connections in the material that students should easily be able to relate to current times.

18. F. The material includes interdisciplinary connections which are intended to make the content meaningful to students.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Science, Language Arts, and Math...all there.

**G. Multicultural Representation**19. G. The portrayal of gender, ethnicity, age, work situations, cultural, religious, physical, and various social groups are fair and unbiased. (Please explain any unfair or biased portrayals in the comments section).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Already addressed. difficult assignment for text material sometimes, but teacher processes are well-communicated.

**H. Humanity and Compassion**20. H. The materials portray people and animals with compassion, sympathy, and consideration of their needs and values and exclude hard-core pornography and inhumane treatment. (An exception may be necessary for units covering animal welfare).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

21. In general, is the content of the benchmarks and standards for this course covered in the material.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

As per above. I would feel confident using this as the primary material for my classroom.

# Presentation

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**A. Comprehensiveness of Student and Teacher Resources** 1. A. The comprehensiveness of the student resources address the targeted learning outcomes without requiring the teacher to prepare additional teaching materials for the course.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Having taught American History for 17 years there are resources I would bring, but this package has more than enough for new teachers.

B. Alignment of Instructional Components 2. B. All components of the major tool align with the curriculum and each other.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Could easily be used to develop the curriculum itself.

C. Organization of Instructional Materials 3. C. The materials are consistent and logical organization of the content for the subject area.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Took a little effort to find my way around, but I don't know how it could be organized any better with all of resources provided.

**D.** Readability of Instructional Materials 4. D. Narrative and visuals engage students in reading or listening as well as in understanding of the content at a level appropriate to the students' abilities.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

I really like the idea of highlighting text for reading, rather than just have all of the text read. This will help advanced students if/when a more difficult selection of words or phrases occurs, without having to go through the entire narration.

**E. Pacing of Content**5. E. The amount of content presented at one time or the pace at which it is presented must be of a size or rate that allows students to perceive and understand it.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Commented earlier...basic to advanced with assistance for lower level or struggling students. Probability of providing an appropriate rigor to all students.

Accessibility6. The material contains presentation, navigation, study tool and assistive supports that aid students, including those with disabilities, to access and interact with the material. (For assistance refer to the answers on the UDL questionnaire).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Already stated. Very impressive.

7. In general, how well does the submission satisfy PRESENTATION requirements? (The comments should support your responses to the questions in the Presentation section).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Excellent!

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A. Motivational Strategies 1. A. Instructional materials include features to maintain learner motivation.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

As much or more than materials alone possibly could. Only those students not motivated toward learning at all, would not be motivated by material provided in this material. With a motivated teacher using the material many more of our unmotivated students will find the lacking motivation.

B. Teaching a Few "Big Ideas" 2. B. Instructional materials thoroughly teach a few important ideas, concepts, or themes.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Not really fair of our discipline. What are the few "Big Ideas" of early American History. Even our experts don't agree and our benchmarks have never been given the attention of other disciplines. They are basically the same as written almost 20 years ago by the NCSS. Still vague and in many cases unmeasurable.

C. Explicit Instruction 3. C. The materials contain clear statements of information and outcomes.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

**D. Guidance and Support**4. D. The materials provide guidance and support to help students safely and successfully become more independent learners and thinkers.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

As much as possible.

5. D. Guidance and support must be adaptable to developmental differences and various learning styles.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Many previous comments. Can be tailored to fit most learning styles provided the teacher is competent and has the other resources required for a successful classroom, i.e., time, class size based on ability, etc.

E. Active Participation of Students 6. E. The materials engage the physical and mental activity of students during the learning process.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Could use more strategies including body movement; dance, drama, games, etc. Again our discipline doesn't always lend itself to physical applications.

7. E. Rate how well the materials include organized activities that are logical extensions of content, goals, and objectives.

Activities provided are excellent and on-target. A minimum of time allowed for a large amount of information to be presented provides that the activities get the most learning from the time involved. Very little if any wasted time if used properly.

**F. Targeted Instructional Strategies**8. F. Instructional materials include the strategies known to be successful for teaching the learning outcomes targeted in the curriculum requirements.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Yes.

9. F. The instructional strategies incorporated in the materials are effective in teaching the targeted outcomes.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT
Justification:
Yes

G. Targeted Assessment Strategies 10. G. The materials correlate assessment strategies to the desired learning outcomes.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well identified and on-target.

11. G. the assessment strategies incorporated in the materials are effective in assessing the learners' performance with regard to the targeted outcomes.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

As well as possible.

Universal Design for Learning12. This submission incorporates strategies, materials, activities, etc., that consider the needs of all students.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Istification:

I think it is well addressed. A great deal of the problem with UDL in every academic is that UDL is not a part of FSA or EOC assessment, but due the over-weighted importance of those exams, UDL takes a backseat in all aspects, including text materials.

13. In general, does the submission satisfy LEARNING requirements? (The comments should support your responses to the questions in the Learning section.)

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Yes!

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For example, if the standard is marked as a level 3 (strategic reasoning and complex thinking) then the materials coverage should reflect this. If the materials coverage is only sufficient to allow for recall (level 1) then this should be reflected in the points assigned.

1. **SS.8.A.1.1:** Provide supporting details for an answer from text, interview for oral history, check validity of information from research/text, and identify strong vs. weak arguments.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Excellent materials and extension assignment provided.

2. SS.8.A.1.2: Analyze charts, graphs, maps, photographs and timelines; analyze political cartoons; determine cause and effect.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Excellent materials and extension assignment provided.

3. SS.8.A.1.3: Analyze current events relevant to American History topics through a variety of electronic and print media resources.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Excellent materials and extension assignment provided. Enough material present that students would really have to use outside resources, but the availability and incorporation into activities is here.

4. SS.8.A.1.4: Differentiate fact from opinion, utilize appropriate historical research and fiction/nonfiction support materials.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Excellent materials and extension assignment provided. Enough material present that students would really have to use outside resources, but the availability and incorporation into activities is here.

5. **SS.8.A.1.5:** Identify, within both primary and secondary sources, the author, audience, format, and purpose of significant historical documents.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Very complete reading emphasis for informational text. Extremely difficult task breaking down primary source/historical documents to an eighth grade reading level. Provides instruction and tools to help the student navigate independently with this kind of material.

6. SS.8.A.1.6: Compare interpretations of key events and issues throughout American History.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Does address this. Again becomes very difficult considering grade-level and controversy of religious and ethnic beliefs, values, etc. in today's classroom.

7. SS.8.A.1.7: View historic events through the eyes of those who were there as shown in their art, writings, music, and artifacts.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

8. **SS.8.A.2.1:** Compare the relationships among the British, French, Spanish, and Dutch in their struggle for colonization of North America.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

9. SS.8.A.2.2: Compare the characteristics of the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

10. **SS.8.A.2.3:** Differentiate economic systems of New England, Middle and Southern colonies including indentured servants and slaves as labor sources.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

11. SS.8.A.2.4: Identify the impact of key colonial figures on the economic, political, and social development of the colonies.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident. One of the more ambiguous benchmarks in the NGSS Standards. My mirror-partner and I identified 37 possibilities last year. Just which ones are key?

12. SS.8.A.2.5: Discuss the impact of colonial settlement on Native American populations.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well done. Important aspect to understand 20th century developments to present day.

13. SS.8.A.2.6: Examine the causes, course, and consequences of the French and Indian War.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Big ideas, well covered.

14. **SS.8.A.2.7:** Describe the contributions of key groups (Africans, Native Americans, women, and children) to the society and culture of colonial America.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Some mentioned not in those 37 we identified last year. Good student interest, I think.

15. SS.8.A.3.1: Explain the consequences of the French and Indian War in British policies for the American colonies from 1763 - 1774.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Much easier to address than most f our benchmarks. No problems.

16. **SS.8.A.3.10:** Examine the course and consequences of the Constitutional Convention (New Jersey Plan, Virginia Plan, Great Compromise, Three-Fifths Compromise, compromises regarding taxation and slave trade, Electoral College, state vs. federal power, empowering a president).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Addressed as well as possible. Ambiguous benchmark.

17. **SS.8.A.3.11:** Analyze support and opposition (Federalists, Federalist Papers, AntiFederalists, Bill of Rights) to ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Addressed

18. SS.8.A.3.12: Examine the influences of George Washington's presidency in the formation of the new nation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

A favorite study of mine, I usually bring in a lot of outside sources. This is very complete.

19. **SS.8.A.3.13:** Explain major domestic and international economic, military, political, and socio-cultural events of John Adams's presidency.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Addressed.

20. **SS.8.A.3.14:** Explain major domestic and international economic, military, political, and socio-cultural events of Thomas Jefferson's presidency.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Addressed.

21. **SS.8.A.3.15:** Examine this time period (1763-1815) from the perspective of historically under-represented groups (children, indentured servants, Native Americans, slaves, women, working class).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Justification: Addressed.

22. SS.8.A.3.16: Examine key events in Florida history as each impacts this era of American history.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Never been too sure what this benchmark is referring to, but you have addressed it as well as possible. Spanish to British, back to Spanish finally American, but fairly insignificant to the development to the US until after 1815.

23. SS.8.A.3.2: Explain American colonial reaction to British policy from 1763 - 1774.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

24. **SS.8.A.3.3:** Recognize the contributions of the Founding Fathers (John Adams, Sam Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, George Mason, George Washington) during American Revolutionary efforts.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

25. **SS.8.A.3.4:** Examine the contributions of influential groups to both the American and British war efforts during the American Revolutionary War and their effects on the outcome of the war.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

26. SS.8.A.3.5: Describe the influence of individuals on social and political developments during the Revolutionary era.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed. Vague benchmark.

27. SS.8.A.3.6: Examine the causes, course, and consequences of the American Revolution.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

28. SS.8.A.3.7: Examine the structure, content, and consequences of the Declaration of Independence.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

29. SS.8.A.3.8: Examine individuals and groups that affected political and social motivations during the American Revolution.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

30. **SS.8.A.3.9:** Evaluate the structure, strengths, and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and its aspects that led to the Constitutional Convention.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

31. **SS.8.A.4.1:** Examine the causes, course, and consequences of United States westward expansion and its growing diplomatic assertiveness (War of 1812, Convention of 1818, Adams-Onis Treaty, Missouri Compromise, Monroe Doctrine, Trail of Tears, Texas annexation, Manifest Destiny, Oregon Territory, Mexican American War/Mexican Cession, California Gold Rush, Compromise of 1850, Kansas Nebraska Act, Gadsden Purchase).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

32. SS.8.A.4.10: Analyze the impact of technological advancements on the agricultural economy and slave labor.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well-Addressed.

33. **SS.8.A.4.11:** Examine the aspects of slave culture including plantation life, resistance efforts, and the role of the slaves' spiritual system

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Addressed. This can be sensitive material, but what is presented here is safe for eighth grade classrooms.

34. SS.8.A.4.12: Examine the effects of the 1804 Haitian Revolution on the United States acquisition of the Louisiana Territory.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Poor benchmark. No hard evidence that Haiti's Revolution had any impact on Napoleon's decision to sell the Territory. He needed money for his war in Europe and France had been an ally of the US since the Revolution.

35. **SS.8.A.4.13:** Explain the consequences of landmark Supreme Court decisions (McCulloch v. Maryland [1819], Gibbons v. Odgen [1824], Cherokee Nation v. Georgia [1831], and Worcester v. Georgia [1832]) significant to this era of American history.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

36. **SS.8.A.4.14:** Examine the causes, course, and consequences of the women's suffrage movement (1848 Seneca Falls Convention, Declaration of Sentiments).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

37. **SS.8.A.4.15:** Examine the causes, course, and consequences of literature movements (Transcendentalism) significant to this era of American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

38. SS.8.A.4.16: Identify key ideas and influences of Jacksonian democracy.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well-Addressed. Last year did comparison between Trump and Jackson, wish I'd had all of these resources. My students enjoyed easily made comparisons. Also relative to many aspects of the election and government at that time.

39. SS.8.A.4.17: Examine key events and peoples in Florida history as each impacts this era of American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Needs more on the Seminole Wars to help support Indian Removal and Seminole affects through Civil War and later US History. Time constraints needed to cover the 49 content area benchmarks, however wouldn't allow much more instruction than material that is presented.

40. **SS.8.A.4.18:** Examine the experiences and perspectives of different ethnic, national, and religious groups in Florida, explaining their contributions to Florida's and America's society and culture during the Territorial Period.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Addressed. ??? Sounds impressive, but I'm not sure what the author(s) of this benchmark intended, especially for eighth graders.

41. SS.8.A.4.2: Describe the debate surrounding the spread of slavery into western territories and Florida.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

42. SS.8.A.4.3: Examine the experiences and perspectives of significant individuals and groups during this era of American History.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well-Addressed. Ambiguous benchmark.

43. **SS.8.A.4.4:** Discuss the impact of westward expansion on cultural practices and migration patterns of Native American and African slave populations.

44. **SS.8.A.4.5**: Explain the causes, course, and consequences of the 19th century transportation revolution on the growth of the nation's economy.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

45. SS.8.A.4.6: Identify technological improvements (inventions/inventors) that contributed to industrial growth.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

46. **SS.8.A.4.7:** Explain the causes, course, and consequences (industrial growth, subsequent effect on children and women) of New England's textile industry.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Well-Addressed.

47. SS.8.A.4.8: Describe the influence of individuals on social and political developments of this era in American History.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Well-Addressed.

48. SS.8.A.4.9: Analyze the causes, course and consequences of the Second Great Awakening on social reform movements.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

49. **SS.8.A.5.1:** Explain the causes, course, and consequence of the Civil War (sectionalism, slavery, states' rights, balance of power in the Senate).

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

50. **SS.8.A.5.2**: Analyze the role of slavery in the development of sectional conflict.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

51. **SS.8.A.5.3:** Explain major domestic and international economic, military, political, and socio-cultural events of Abraham Lincoln's presidency.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Another of our very ambiguous benchmarks that could easily be an entire college course. Well-done, offers some boundaries.

52. **SS.8.A.5.4:** Identify the division (Confederate and Union States, Border states, western territories) of the United States at the outbreak of the Civil War.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Easy one.

53. SS.8.A.5.5: Compare Union and Confederate strengths and weaknesses.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

54. SS.8.A.5.6: Compare significant Civil War battles and events and their effects on civilian populations.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT

Justification:

Very improbable with first-time learners, which mine usually are. Rarely get past identify, but the material is here to take the next step.

55. SS.8.A.5.7: Examine key events and peoples in Florida history as each impacts this era of American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Requires careful and selective planning here in rural North Florida (Sons & Daughter of the Confederacy). But materials are factual and fair.

56. **SS.8.A.5.8:** Explain and evaluate the policies, practices, and consequences of Reconstruction (presidential and congressional reconstruction, Johnson's impeachment, Civil Rights Act of 1866, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, opposition of Southern whites to Reconstruction, accomplishments and failures of Radical Reconstruction, presidential election of 1876, end of Reconstruction, rise of Jim Crow laws, rise of Ku Klux Klan).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Well-Addressed. Another of the NGSS Standards that is not only ambiguous but to teach all of the listed examples to mastery would take several semesters of instruction. Proof positive American History needs the same attention to its benchmarks that have been afforded to other disciplines. At least there is something on each of these issues.

57. **SS.8.C.1.1:** Identify the constitutional provisions for establishing citizenship.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

58. **SS.8.C.1.2**: Compare views of self-government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens held by Patriots, Loyalists, and other colonists.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident

59. SS.8.C.1.3: Recognize the role of civic virtue in the lives of citizens and leaders from the colonial period through Reconstruction.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

60. SS.8.C.1.4: Identify the evolving forms of civic and political participation from the colonial period through Reconstruction.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Continually addressed. Periodic focus throughout the text and materials.

61. SS.8.C.1.5: Apply the rights and principles contained in the Constitution and Bill of Rights to the lives of citizens today.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This is a semester course in itself. Again these benchmarks need to be re-evaluated by middle school educators. But, you've provided grade level appropriate material.

62. SS.8.C.1.6: Evaluate how amendments to the Constitution have expanded voting rights from our nation's early history to present day.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This is American History not Civics. Good Job.

63. **SS.8.C.2.1:** Evaluate and compare the essential ideals and principles of American constitutional government expressed in primary sources from the colonial period to Reconstruction.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

This is American History not Civics. Good Job.

64. **SS.8.E.1.1:** Examine motivating economic factors that influenced the development of the United States economy over time including scarcity, supply and demand, opportunity costs, incentives, profits, and entrepreneurial aspects.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Very difficult, but material provided within the scope of American History.

65. **SS.8.E.2.1:** Analyze contributions of entrepreneurs, inventors, and other key individuals from various gender, social, and ethnic backgrounds in the development of the United States economy.

Diverse and representative of ethnics and gender needed in our classrooms today. Well-done.

66. **SS.8.E.2.2**: Explain the economic impact of government policies.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

67. SS.8.E.2.3: Assess the role of Africans and other minority groups in the economic development of the United States.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

See 65.

68. SS.8.E.3.1: Evaluate domestic and international interdependence.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Easily and well-covered.

69. SS.8.G.1.1: Use maps to explain physical and cultural attributes of major regions throughout American history.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Extremely helpful information as Florida students get no geography instruction anymore.

70. SS.8.G.1.2: Use appropriate geographic tools and terms to identify and describe significant places and regions in American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Extremely helpful information as Florida students get no geography instruction anymore.

71. **SS.8.G.2.1:** Identify the physical elements and the human elements that define and differentiate regions as relevant to American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Extremely helpful information as Florida students get no geography instruction anymore.

72. **SS.8.G.2.2:** Use geographic terms and tools to analyze case studies of regional issues in different parts of the United States that have had critical economic, physical, or political ramifications.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Fvident

73. **SS.8.G.2.3:** Use geographic terms and tools to analyze case studies of how selected regions of the United States have changed over time.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

74. SS.8.G.3.1: Locate and describe in geographic terms the major ecosystems of the United States.

**VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT** GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Fyident

75. **SS.8.G.3.2**: Use geographic terms and tools to explain differing perspectives on the use of renewable and non-renewable resources in the United States and Florida over time.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Not much going on during this time period as far as recognition.

76. SS.8.G.4.1: Interpret population growth and other demographic data for any given place in the United States throughout its history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

77. **SS.8.G.4.2:** Use geographic terms and tools to analyze the effects throughout American history of migration to and within the United States, both on the place of origin and destination.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

78. SS.8.G.4.3: Use geographic terms and tools to explain cultural diffusion throughout the United States as it expanded its territory.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

79. **SS.8.G.4.4:** Interpret databases, case studies, and maps to describe the role that regions play in influencing trade, migration patterns, and cultural/political interaction in the United States throughout time.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

80. **SS.8.G.4.5:** Use geographic terms and tools to analyze case studies of the development, growth, and changing nature of cities and urban centers in the United States over time.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

Evident.

81. SS.8.G.4.6: Use political maps to describe changes in boundaries and governance throughout American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

82. **SS.8.G.5.1:** Describe human dependence on the physical environment and natural resources to satisfy basic needs in local environments in the United States.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Fyident

83. **SS.8.G.5.2:** Describe the impact of human modifications on the physical environment and ecosystems of the United States throughout history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

84. **SS.8.G.6.1:** Use appropriate maps and other graphic representations to analyze geographic problems and changes over time throughout American history.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

85. SS.8.G.6.2: Illustrate places and events in U.S. history through the use of narratives and graphic representations.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident

86. ELD.K12.ELL.SI.1: English language learners communicate for social and instructional purposes within the school setting.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

87. **ELD.K12.ELL.SS.1**: English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Social Studies.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

88. HE.8.C.2.4: Critique school and public health policies that influence health promotion and disease prevention.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

89. LAFS.68.RH.1.1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

90. LAFS.68.RH.1.2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

91. LAFS.68.RH.1.3: Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident

92. LAFS.68.RH.2.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

93. LAFS.68.RH.2.5: Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

94. LAFS.68.RH.2.6: Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

95. LAFS.68.RH.3.7: Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

96. LAFS.68.RH.3.8: Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

97. LAFS.68.RH.3.9: Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

- 98. LAFS.68.WHST.1.1: Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- a. Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- **b.** Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
- **c.** Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.

- d. Establish and maintain a formal style.
- e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Evident.

- 99. LAFS.68.WHST.1.2: Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
- **a.** Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

100. **LAFS.68.WHST.2.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

101. **LAFS.68.WHST.2.5:** With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

102. **LAFS.68.WHST.2.6**: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

103. **LAFS.68.WHST.3.7**: Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

104. **LAFS.68.WHST.3.8**: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

105. LAFS.68.WHST.3.9: Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification: Evident.

106. LAFS.68.WHST.4.10: Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident

- 107. **LAFS.8.SL.1.1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **a.** Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.
- b. Follow rules for collegial discussions and decision-making, track progress toward specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.
- c. Pose questions that connect the ideas of several speakers and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant evidence, observations, and ideas.
- **d.** Acknowledge new information expressed by others, and, when warranted, qualify or justify their own views in light of the evidence presented.

108. LAFS.8.SL.1.2: Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

109. **LAFS.8.SL.1.3:** Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

110. **LAFS.8.SL.2.4:** Present claims and findings, emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

111. MAFS.K12.MP.1.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

112. MAFS.K12.MP.3.1: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:
Evident.

113. MAFS.K12.MP.5.1: Use appropriate tools strategically.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

114. MAFS.K12.MP.6.1: Attend to precision.

VERY GOOD ALIGNMENT GOOD ALIGNMENT FAIR ALIGNMENT POOR ALIGNMENT VERY POOR/NO ALIGNMENT Justification:

Evident.

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