

SVHS History/Social Science Department - Essential Standards Overview

Common Core Standards

The History/Social Science Department, along with our colleagues in English, VPACT, and others, took on a leadership role during the transition to the new Common Core Literacy Standards starting in 2011-2012. Since that time, our department has continuously revamped and updated our curriculum, most notably in creation of Performance Tasks (9th-12th Grade) that mirror the format of the 11th Grade CAASSP Literacy Assessment, to meet the goals set forth in the state Common Core Literacy Standards. Linked below are the Common Core Standards for History/Social Science courses, which our department has chosen to focus particular attention on.

[Common Core Standards - History/Social Science 9th-10th Grade](#)

[Common Core Standards - History/Social Science 11th-12th Grade](#)

During the 2019-2020 year, after an analysis of the previous years CAASP scores, the History/Social Science Department has chosen to focus on the following standards within our daily instruction.

1. **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.2** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.
2. **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.9-10.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social science.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

Essential Content Standards

During the 2018-2019 school year, the SVHS History/Social Science Department reviewed its essential standards that were originally established in 2007-2008. This was in large part due to the release of the new California History/Social Science Framework that was released in the 2017-2018 school year. Three members of the department attended a launch session of the framework at Sonoma State University in the spring of 2018. The department revised and adopted the standards linked below during the Fall semester of 2018.

[9th Grade Geography & World Cultures](#)

[10th Grade Modern World History](#)

[11th Grade United States History](#)

[12th Grade Civics / Economics](#)

Content Standards Advanced Placement

Due to the structure of the AP curriculum, our AP History/Social Science classes are required to review content that goes far beyond what is indicated in our department essential standards. Linked below are unit guides for each subject, which identify the learning objectives and key concepts that are covered within each of our AP History/Social Science classes.

[10th Grade AP World History](#)

[11th Grade AP United States History](#)

[12th Grade American Government & Politics](#)