



# Social Sciences/History Content Exam



Study Tips

# Getting Started

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- Step 1: Gather Study Materials

- Textbooks (Econ, Geog., Ed. Psych, History, Pol. Sci., Soc/Anth—See Library Reserve under Pierce/History for textbooks if you don't have them

- [www.icts.nesinc.com](http://www.icts.nesinc.com)

Study Guides: Download SS/History as well as other Social Sciences

Test Framework: Download SS/History

# Preparation

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- Step 2:

- What kind of test is this?

- Study for breadth, not depth.

- What do they want?

- “The Best Answer”

- How will I know all the facts?

- “You can’t know everything”

# Study Guide Preparation

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- Step 2a:

- Create a usable study guide: 2-4 pages per subject matter.
- Focus on what the study guide asks for. Look for specifics, terms, etc. in the guide that will help you isolate important information.
- Study from the general to the specific. If you can isolate a question to a specific topic, you might know something about the topic without necessarily knowing the “right” answer.

# Getting Ready to Take the Test

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- Step 3:

- DON'T CRAM

- Focus on the test as the last piece of the puzzle.

- Take the practice tests to familiarize yourself with the kinds of questions that will appear.

# Taking the Test

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- Step 4:

- Don't study the day of the test; get a good night's sleep.
- Take your time. You have 4 hrs.
- Take notes on the questions, if you do not know the right answer. Identify topic, era, etc.

**\*\*FOCUS ON WHAT YOU KNOW\*\***

- Isolate possible right answers (2 generally) and ask yourself, who is asking, why, and what do they want?

# Assessment

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- When you leave the exam, write down as much as you can remember: types of questions, topics, etc.
- Build on the outlines you have already made and focus your studying more on the TEST FRAMEWORK guide.
- Prepare a few hours each week.

# Passing the Content Exam

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- This Exam is not a reflection, necessarily, of what you know or don't know.
- This Exam is a necessary step toward certification. If you have to take it again, do not get down on yourself.
- If you have trouble with the multiple choice questions, you might want to continue practicing to build your confidence.

# Good Luck

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- Suggested connections:
  - ISU University Center for Learning Assistance  
Stevenson Hall 133

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Sociology--<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociology>

Anthropology--<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropology>

Psychology--<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychology>

Economics--<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economics>

<http://regentsprep.org/> (U.S. and Global history links)

<http://www.geocities.com/mrhistorys/menu-gs10.html> (Global history outlines)

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/> (US history, plus a great site for teaching)

<http://www.historyteacher.net>