

## STAAR ALTERNATE 2 INSTRUCTIONAL TERMS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES

For all subject areas, TEA provides a list of specific instructional terms that students will need exposure to during classroom instruction because the terms may be used on the assessment. However, the lists do not reference all the content a student would be responsible for. Students must become familiar with these terms as they are developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

| GRADE 8                                                                                                                   | US HISTORY                                                   |
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| abolish, abolition, abolitionist                                                                                          | activist, advocate                                           |
| accomplishment                                                                                                            | Allied Forces                                                |
| act, declaration, amendment                                                                                               | astronaut, moon, space                                       |
| adopt                                                                                                                     | boycott, strike                                              |
| amend (verb)                                                                                                              | capitalism                                                   |
| aspects of culture such as traditions, heritage, customs, religion, practices, language                                   | Civil Rights Movement                                        |
| assembly, assemble, assembly line, manufacturing, manufacturing plant, industry, industrial, industrialization, factories | claimed, unclaimed                                           |
| assembly, assemble (meaning "group," "gathering," or "meeting")                                                           | climate                                                      |
| Boston Tea Party                                                                                                          | communism, communist                                         |
| citizen, citizenship                                                                                                      | competition                                                  |
| civic participation, civic duty                                                                                           | conservation, conserving resources                           |
| colony, colonial, colonization, colonist                                                                                  | continent                                                    |
| community, communities                                                                                                    | court case, landmark case, court decision                    |
| complaint, protest                                                                                                        | crisis                                                       |
| Congress, congressional, Senate, senator                                                                                  | discover, discoveries, innovate, innovations                 |
| Constitutional protections                                                                                                | discrimination, discriminate                                 |
| contributions                                                                                                             | drought, erosion, topsoil                                    |
| declare (verb)                                                                                                            | Dust Bowl                                                    |
| defense                                                                                                                   | Ellis Island                                                 |
| democracy, democratic process                                                                                             | enlist, enlistment                                           |
| deposit, customer                                                                                                         | expansion of power, reduction of power, balance of power     |
| economic, economy, business                                                                                               | exports, imports                                             |
| elect, election, vote, voter                                                                                              | First Lady                                                   |
| enforce                                                                                                                   | Harlem Renaissance                                           |
| expand, expansion                                                                                                         | International, international trade                           |
| explore, explorer, exploration, frontier, expedition                                                                      | invasion                                                     |
| found, founding                                                                                                           | labor unions, American Federation of Labor (AFL)             |
| free, freedom                                                                                                             | laboratory                                                   |
| free-enterprise system, supply, demand, income, earn, spend, produce, consume, price, cost, service                       | loan                                                         |
| govern, government, government roles, rule                                                                                | lobby, lobbyist                                              |
| governmental powers                                                                                                       | manufacture, manufacturing, workforce, corporations, workers |
| governor, mayor, president                                                                                                | minority, minorities                                         |
| Great Plains                                                                                                              | musician, rock 'n' roll                                      |
| harvest, harvesting, crops, cotton, plantation                                                                            | National Park System, National Park Service                  |
| human environment interactions                                                                                            | natural material                                             |
| immigrant, immigrate, migrate, migration, immigration                                                                     | neutral, neutrality                                          |
| increase, decrease                                                                                                        | nuclear energy, nuclear arms race                            |
| independent, independence, liberty, liberties                                                                             | oil, natural gas, hydropower                                 |
| invade                                                                                                                    | Operation Desert Storm                                       |
| invent, invention, inventor, innovation                                                                                   | Panama Canal                                                 |

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| jury, court, courtroom, trial, fair trial, justice, public official, judge                                                          | Pearl Harbor                              |
| land grants                                                                                                                         | political, political campaign, politician |
| laws, rules, policies                                                                                                               | poverty                                   |
| leader, leadership, leadership qualities                                                                                            | property, belongings                      |
| legal, illegal                                                                                                                      | propose, proposal, ratify, ratification   |
| legislative, executive, judicial branches of government                                                                             | ration, rationing                         |
| local, state, federal government                                                                                                    | register to vote, voter registration      |
| market                                                                                                                              | relations, relationships                  |
| military, soldier, army, battle, war, surrender, peace, treaty, victory, Air Force, U.S. Army, general, Marines, Navy, armed forces | rural, urban                              |
| movement (political)                                                                                                                | Secretary of State                        |
| national anthem                                                                                                                     | segregation                               |
| past, present, future, former, formerly, era, eras, decade, century, event                                                          | Soviet Union, Cold War, Cuba              |
| patriot, patriotic                                                                                                                  | stock exchange, shares, invest            |
| physical geography such as the natural environment and landforms.                                                                   | United Nations                            |
| popular vote                                                                                                                        | wind turbines, pollution, electric energy |
| populate, population, population growth, population decline                                                                         |                                           |
| ratify                                                                                                                              |                                           |
| raw materials                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| rebel, rebellion                                                                                                                    |                                           |
| Reconstruction                                                                                                                      |                                           |
| recycling                                                                                                                           |                                           |
| reform, reform movements                                                                                                            |                                           |
| region, landscape                                                                                                                   |                                           |
| religion, such as the Catholic Church                                                                                               |                                           |
| represent, representative, representative government                                                                                |                                           |
| Republican Party, Democratic Party                                                                                                  |                                           |
| resource, natural resource                                                                                                          |                                           |
| revolution, revolutionary, American Revolution                                                                                      |                                           |
| rights, constitutional rights, civil rights, equal rights, responsibilities, human rights                                           |                                           |
| river, waterway, canal                                                                                                              |                                           |
| settle, settler, settlement                                                                                                         |                                           |
| slave, enslaved person, slavery, Underground Railroad                                                                               |                                           |
| suffrage, suffragist, suffrage movement                                                                                             |                                           |
| supplies, products, goods                                                                                                           |                                           |
| Supreme Court                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| system of checks and balances, limiting the power of the government                                                                 |                                           |
| tax, taxation                                                                                                                       |                                           |
| territory                                                                                                                           |                                           |
| to amend                                                                                                                            |                                           |
| trade                                                                                                                               |                                           |
| Transcontinental Railroad                                                                                                           |                                           |
| transport, transportation                                                                                                           |                                           |
| tribe, American Indian                                                                                                              |                                           |
| Union, Confederate, Confederacy                                                                                                     |                                           |