

DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN SOCIAL STUDIES

DOK 1

RECALLING INFORMATION

Recalling facts, terms, and concepts.



Asking students to know who, what, and when.

Recognizing and identifying specific information found in:

- maps
- tables
- charts
- drawings
- graphs



Key Concepts:

Identify List Define

DOK 2

BASIC REASONING

Engaging beyond recalling or reproducing.

Asking students to know how and why.



Comparing and contrasting people, places, and events.



Key Concepts:

Classify into categories Explain issues Understand relationships

DOK 3

COMPLEX REASONING

Requiring evidence, reasoning, and higher order thinking.



Justify how and why with application and evidence.

Propose solutions.
Make connections.
Recognize misconceptions.



Key Concepts:

Draw conclusions Cite evidence Apply concepts

DOK 4

EXTENDED REASONING

Plan, investigate, and develop over an extended period of time.



Apply conceptual understanding and higher level thinking.

Analyze and synthesize information from multiple sources.



Key Concepts:

Make predictions Develop arguments Plan solutions to problems