

**Analysis – US History 8 Midterm - SLCS  
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The midterm examination in US History 8 (class of 2013) given in January 2009 was the multiple-choice section of the New York State Intermediate Social Studies Test given to students at the close of grade 8 in June 2008 (class of 2012). **This year I included 6 document-based question items on topics students should know.** The exam followed 5 days of review and students had access to test questions from old exams (among which were a few particular questions on this test).

The test score entered in the record as a midterm examination was adjusted to account for test included questions we did not yet cover in class. These counted in the student’s favor if correct and ignored if incorrect. Papers got 2 grades: the grade they would get if it were June and the adjusted grade.

Getting a midterm measurement was not the only reason for administering this exam. It intended to give students a high stakes reason and opportunity to review what we have learned so far since seventh grade toward enhancing performance on the June exam. It was also a program evaluation for my own information.

22 students took the test. 19 passed and 3 failed. Class average on the test for report card was 82.5.

*What is the relationship between this test and class average?*

<b>Class of ...</b>	<b>Class Average Overall to Date</b>	<b>Class Average on the M-C Portion of the State Exam</b>	<i>Percentage that would likely pass (score 3-4 on) State Test now even with questions counted on material we have not yet covered.</i>	<b>Correlation</b>
2010	74%	61%	NA	NA
2011	76%	75%	55.00%	NA
2012	77%	77%	48.00%	0.72
2013	82.00%	83.00%	68.00%	0.76