



# Social Studies

## US History Research Questions

Research Field	Key Questions
<b>Dissenters and Minorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How did minorities and dissenters try to get the freedom to life as they saw fit?</li><li>• In what ways were minority populations are almost enslaved, controlled, limited, or dominated by the majority populations in a state?</li></ul>
<b>Economics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who are the wealthy people? Why are they wealthy? What power do they have?</li><li>• In what ways does the government control trade and commerce?</li><li>• Where does most of the trade and commerce take place?</li></ul>
<b>Fashion and Clothing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the different ways in which people dress and what does it mean?</li><li>• Who makes up what clothing styles are popular?</li></ul>
<b>Food and Nutrition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How well did wealthy people eat compared to less well off? What kinds of things did they eat?</li><li>• What kinds of food did people eat? How good was their diet?</li></ul>
<b>Geography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does geography have to do with trade?</li><li>• What does geography have to do with people's customs?</li></ul>
<b>Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the characteristics of the strongest government leaders of this period?</li><li>• Is it true that the government is made up of people from the wealthy class?</li><li>• How well do democratic governments stand up to stress?</li><li>• What were the stresses on governments of this period and how well did they handle them?</li><li>• How well educated was the population? How did they get educated? What level of education did most people have?</li><li>• What were the major turning points of this time period?</li><li>• Who were the most important people in government at this time? What made them so important?</li></ul>
<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What was health care like at this time?</li></ul>

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<b>Migrations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why were most people immigrating to the Americas at this time?</li> <li>• How were the new immigrants at this time received by the people already here?</li> </ul>
<b>Military</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The most important military battles of this time were...</li> <li>• Why did the winners win their battles? What made the strongest forces strong?</li> <li>• What was the best military technology at this time?</li> </ul>
<b>Plastic, Visual, Art and Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is making art at this time? What is it like? Who is it for?</li> <li>• Art styles that become dominant in a period usually draw from one or two important artists. Who are the important artists at this time?</li> <li>• All great artists have suffered in their personal life. How did the artists of this period suffer?</li> </ul>
<b>Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did people do for fun at this time?</li> <li>• Who has the most time for fun?</li> </ul>
<b>Religion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what religion do the wealthy and powerful belong at this time?</li> <li>• What are the minority religions at this time? How do they differ from the majority?</li> <li>• Religions go through periods of “purification” every so often when some members break away to go return to their idea of the original form. In what ways was this happening at this time?</li> <li>• How does religion influence government?</li> </ul>
<b>Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What kinds of inventions came about as a result of war at this time?</li> <li>• What nations had the best technology at this time? How did that help them?</li> <li>• How did technology help the flow of wealth?</li> <li>• Technology is copied from some other place more often than it is invented. From where did technology get copied at this time? How? Why?</li> <li>• What changes in the world were caused by scientific discoveries and inventions at this time?</li> <li>• How did inventions, discoveries, and/or technological advances lead to major changes in society at this time?</li> </ul>