

# SOCIAL STUDIES SAMPLE ITEMS



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The following are items (test questions) from Grade 4, with the standard, the most closely-related indicator, and key for that item.

# Indicator 4-2.3

Which African custom and tradition brought by the slaves had the **greatest** influence on Southerners?

- A. foods
- B. books
- C. clothing
- D. religion

Key: A

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# Indicator 4-5.5

What effect did the Supreme Court decision in the Dred Scott case have on slavery in the United States?

- A. Runaway slaves had to be returned to their masters.
- B. Slave owners could take slaves into any state or territory.
- C. The slave trade became illegal throughout the country.
- D. The number of free states and slaves states was divided equally.

Key: B

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# Indicator 4-6.1

Which statement best describes the South in the 1800s?

- A. Most white southerners owned large plantations.
- B. Most southerners settled in large cities.
- C. Most southerners hired indentured servants.
- D. Most white southerners owned small farms.

Key: D

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