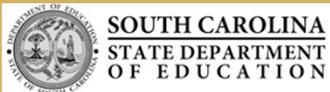


# SOCIAL STUDIES SAMPLE ITEMS



The following are items (test questions) from Grade 6, with the standard, the most closely-related indicator, and key for that item.

# Indicator 6-1.2

Which statement explains why most societies have found money more useful than barter?

- A. Money maintains its value over time and is used in commonly accepted accounting practices.
- B. Money is quantifiable and its value is backed by the government.
- C. Money is produced in the same denominations internationally and can be used to purchase things anytime.
- D. Money makes trading easier by eliminating the need for trading things.

Key: D

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# Indicator 6-2.5

What was a **major** accomplishment of the Justinian code?

- A. The right of free speech was established.
- B. Greek and Roman laws were preserved.
- C. Chinese and Japanese architecture was copied.
- D. The right to practice any religion was permitted.

Key: B

Released Date: 2009

# Indicator 6-5.3

How did the Crusades affect Europe?

- A. Europeans became more critical of capitalism.
- B. Europeans become more critical of the Catholic Church.
- C. The Crusaders brought new foods and products back to Europe.
- D. The Crusaders brought new ideas about law and government to Europe.

Key: C

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# Indicator 6-6.1

How did Renaissance discoveries lead to the Age of Exploration?

- A. Domestication of horses improved transportation of goods.
- B. Advances in medicine caused an interest in new diseases.
- C. Interest in science caused the growth of universities.
- D. Advances in printing spread knowledge of foreign lands.

Key: D

Released Date: 2010