

After you read the articles, write answers to the following questions:

1. What are the key elements of the NCSS definition of social studies?
2. What is the role of social studies in the general curriculum?
3. Briefly describe the 10 themes of social studies. What academic discipline(s) provide the foundation for each theme?

4. Describe the difference between deep and fragile knowledge.

5. Describe performance-based understanding and explain how it provides evidence of deep understanding.

6. Briefly describe the five elements of powerful teaching and learning.