

STAAR Spring 2024 Grade 8 Social Studies Answer

13	Multiple Choice	8.10.A	1	B	2	Supporting
14	Multiple Choice					

				Thomas Jefferson: "The Constitution does not give the government the power to set up a national bank." And "A national bank would favor manufacturing at the expense of agriculture." See Appendix 1.4		
26	Multiple Choice	8.25.A	1	A	2	Supporting
27	Multiple Choice	8.9.A	1	C	1	Supporting
28	Multiple Choice	8.13.B	1	D	4	Readiness
29	Drag and Drop	8.15.D	2	Limited government: "Cruel punishments and excessive fines are prohibited." Separation of powers: "Only Congress can make laws." Federalism: "People are governed by state and national laws." See Appendix 1.5	3	Readiness
30	Multiple Choice	8.4.D	1	A	1	Readiness
31	Multiple Choice	8.7.D	1	D	1	Supporting

32	Multipart	8.8.D	2	C, A	1	Supporting
33	Multiple Choice	8.2.A	1	A	1	Readiness
34	Multiple Choice	8.15.A	1	D	3	Readiness
35	Short Constructed Response	8.27.A	2	See Appendix 1.6	4	Readiness
36	Multiple Choice	8.6.B	1	A	1	Readiness
37	Multiselect	8.4.A	2	B, C See Appendix 1.7	1	Readiness
38	Multiple Choice	8.18.C	1	D		

STAAR Spring 2024 Grade 8 Social Studies Appendix

1.1

Which characteristics are associated with the American Revolution, and which are associated with the Civil War era?

Move each characteristic to the correct era.

Conflict over issue of slavery

Declaration of Independence

Abolition of slavery

Thomas Jefferson's leadership

Civil War era

American Revolution era

1.2

The Eighth Amendment focuses on bail and punishments in the judicial system.

What does the Eighth Amendment say about bail **AND** punishments?

Think about the question carefully. Then enter your answers in the box provided.

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Score:

Rubric

Score Description

Score two points for correct answers that include a reference to both:

Bail:

- Bail must be relevant to the severity of the crime committed.
- Bail must be relevant to the history of the accused.

2 Punishments:

- Mistreatment or torture, including excessive physical or mental punishments of individuals in jail, is prohibited.

Fines must be fair and cannot lead to the loss of personal property without due process.

1 The response only summarizes language on either bail or punishments, but not both.
0 The response is incorrect or irrelevant.

1.3

This excerpt describes a system of government used in Virginia during the 1600s.

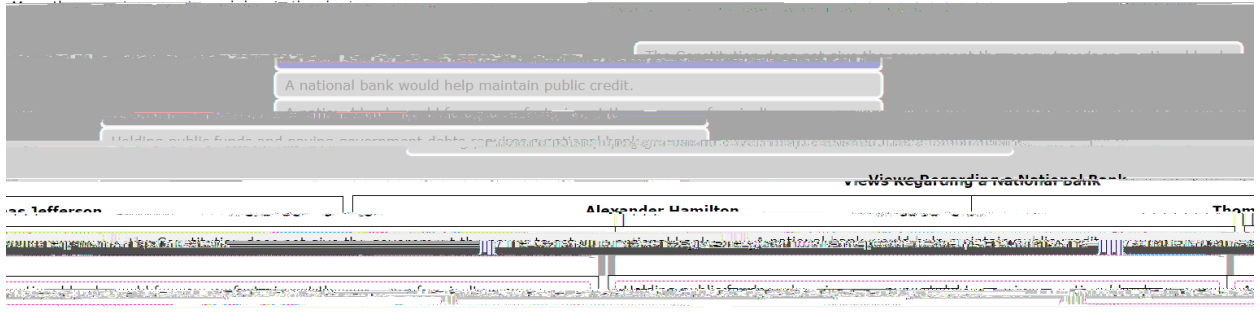
Membership in the Council and in the Assembly was composed both of members elected by the colonists and of members appointed by the king. At this first meeting of the General Assembly, the Burgesses had general and exclusive powers. The governor set together a body in which each member of the assembly had one vote.

— Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1619.



1.4

Which views were argued by either Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson while debating the establishment of a national bank?



1.5

federalism?

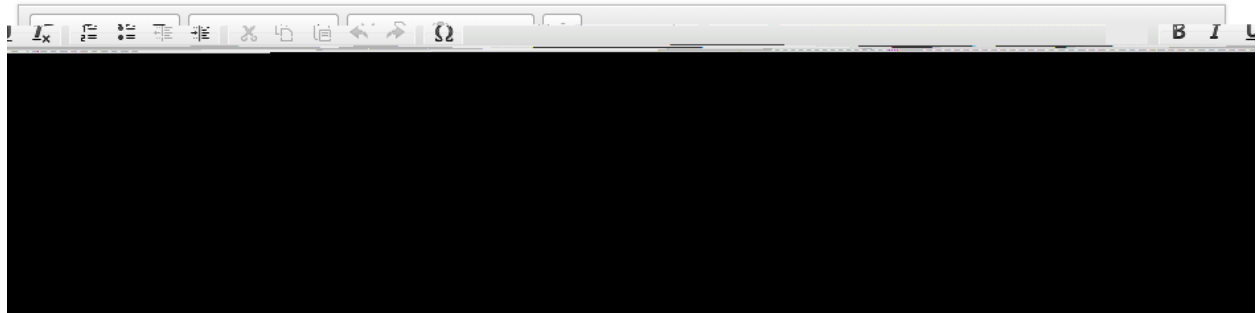
Move the correct answer to each box in the table. (Not all answers will be used.)

People are governed by state and national laws.
Cruel punishments and excessive fines are prohibited.
Only Congress can make laws.

Constitutional Principle	Example
Cruel punishments and excessive fines are prohibited.	Limited government
Only Congress can make laws.	Separation of powers
People are governed by state and national laws.	Federalism

1.6

What were **TWO** ways that the invention of the steamboat affected the development of the United States?
Think about the question carefully. Then enter your answer in the box provided.



Score:

1.