

# GED<sup>®</sup> Test: Social Studies Performance Level Descriptors What Your Score Means: Level 4 — GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready + Credit

Some institutions may confer three (3) semester hours lower division credits in economic thinking, society and social arrangements or humanities on students who score at the GED<sup>®</sup> College Ready + Credit level. Test-takers who score at this level typically have an **outstanding** proficiency in demonstrating skills in the following categories: analyzing and creating text features in a social studies context, applying social studies concepts to the analysis and construction of arguments, and reasoning quantitatively and interpreting data in social studies contexts.

Test-takers are generally able to demonstrate outstanding knowledge of and ability with the skills identified in the previous levels including:

## Analyzing and Creating Text Features in a Social Studies Context

- Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source document, corroborating or challenging conclusions with evidence at an outstanding level
- Compare treatments of the same social studies topic in various primary and secondary sources, noting discrepancies between and among the sources at an outstanding level

## Applying Social Studies Concepts to the Analysis and Construction of Arguments

- At an outstanding level, analyze cause-and-effect relationships and multiple causation, including the importance of natural and societal processes, the individual, and the influence of ideas
- At an outstanding level, compare differing sets of ideas related to political, historical, economic, geographic, or societal contexts; evaluate the assumptions and implications inherent in differing positions
- Analyze how a historical context shapes an author's point of view at an outstanding level

## Reasoning Quantitatively and Interpreting Data in Social Studies Contexts

- Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text at an outstanding level

- Translate quantitative information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., table or chart); translate information expressed visually or mathematically into words at an outstanding level