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ABSTRACT

This booklet contains a set of elementary and secondary social studies performance objectives for the state of Michigan. In the introduction, the developers comment that the objectives are to be considered as minimal, and that most students will move beyond them. The objectives stress social studies skills and concepts; they are relatively content free. This allows schools to have varied curriculum according to local needs and preferences. In the booklet the objectives are presented in three groups: early elementary (grades one to three), later elementary (grades four to six), and secondary (grades seven to nine). They are terminal objectives, which means that students should have acquired the skills by the end of each level. On each page objectives are listed in one column with accompanying comments and sample test items in an adjacent column. The test items are included for clarification only. They are not necessarily valid and reliable evaluation items. Both levels of elementary objectives fall into 18 broad categories, including concept formulation; participation in group discussion and activities; problem solving; comparative cultures; and environmental awareness. The 49 secondary objectives are categorized by skills: social-affective, thinking, social science, occupational, and those relating to specific social science concepts. (AV)

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Over two years ago, as a part of a program for educational accountability, the Michigan Department of Education began the rather formidable task of developing pre-school through twelfth grade performance objectives for the various subject matter areas; and as Superintendent of Public Instruction it is with a good deal of pleasure that I am able to report that the Social Studies objectives are now available and are ready to be distributed throughout the state. We hope that this document containing a complete listing of the objectives will be a useful reference to educators everywhere in Michigan; and we hope also that making these performance objectives available at the state level will help us to guarantee that all boys and girls in Michigan, regardless of where they live or what school they attend, will attain at least a minimal level of competency in social studies.

These performance objectives have been long in the preparation. Defining minimum levels of competency is always an extremely difficult and time-consuming task. The preparation of these sets of minimal competencies has been a particularly lengthy process in this case because we have involved large and representative groups of teachers and social studies specialists throughout the state in preparing and reviewing them. We believe that if objectives issued from the state level are to have viability, this kind of massive involvement is absolutely essential. Thus, since we began with this task, these objectives have been considered by numerous advisory groups and councils, local curriculum committees, grade commissions, professional organizations, and various referent groups. We can say, therefore, that they do represent the consensual thinking of both social studies educators and educators in general throughout the state.

Perhaps it should be stressed again that these objectives are designed to represent minimal levels of expectancies in social studies. School districts will want their students to move far beyond these minimums.

It surely would be appropriate for me, at this point, to speak for the State Board of Education and thank the people who have been involved in this effort. I cannot possibly list all of those who have labored long and hard with this document, but the efforts of all these people are greatly appreciated. I do wish to extend our thanks particularly to the members of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies for their assistance in the development of these objectives. Also, I want to commend Dr. Robert L. Trezise, who was the Social Studies specialist in the Department at the time these objectives were developed, for his outstanding work. Mr. Eugene Cain is now the Department's Social Studies Specialist.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Porter".

John W. Porter  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains a set of elementary and secondary social studies objectives. In order to understand these objectives, it is important for the reader to consider the following points about them:

1. *Those who have helped develop the objectives.*

The goals and objectives contained in this document represent the thinking and contributions of large numbers of persons in Michigan, both social studies specialists and educators in general. Initial work on the objectives was begun in the spring of 1971; and since that time, this document has gone through literally dozens of drafts and has been presented for the purpose of criticism to hundreds of people in all parts of the state. In addition to a large number of individuals who have contributed to the development of these objectives, a task force selected by the Michigan Council for the Social Studies also made valuable contributions which have become a part of this document.

2. *Relation to common goals.* These objectives have been based upon the goals stated in the *Common Goals of Michigan Education*. Each of the goals contained within the Goal Area of "Citizenship and Morality" has been covered in the objectives, and virtually every goal in the "Student Learning" Goal Area.

3. *Format of the objectives.* The format of the objectives is consistent with the format followed in the other instructional areas. That is, the objectives are defined under "topics," or broad purposes. This has been done to suggest that specific student performance objectives should always be stated in terms of broader objectives, and the broad objectives should be stated in terms of general goals. Hence, the social studies student performance objectives appear under broad social studies goals or topics, and these topics are related to the still broader "Common Goals." It will be the task of the local districts that wish to use these objectives to define their still more specific objectives within the context of these state objectives.

The Examples and Comments column — the one that contains the most printed material — presents examples of possible evaluation approaches in terms of the stated objectives, and also contains various comments on the objectives. The purpose of the items presented in this column is *only to clarify the objectives themselves*. The reader should certainly not assume that these evaluation items will or should

appear on a state assessment battery, or that they should be used as they are for evaluation purposes at the local level. None of these items have been tested for reliability or validity — although, of course, we would assume that they have some face validity. But the point needs to be stressed that they appear here for the sake of the reader of the objectives to further clarify the meaning of the objectives.

Further, it will undoubtedly be apparent that some of the items may be either too easy or too difficult. Since these items have not been tested out in any way, this may very well be true. But since they have been designed in order to be of assistance primarily to the reader, the degree of difficulty of the item is not terribly vital — although an attempt has been made to make the early elementary test items more simple than the later elementary items.

Not that these evaluation approaches are definitive by any means, but they are, we feel, in the spirit of the objectives themselves.

One further point needs to be made about this second column. If and when the time does come to develop assessment items based on these objectives, it would be hoped that the test developers will use the *kinds of approaches* suggested in the items in this column as a model for their items.

4. *The grade levels of the objectives.* The social studies objectives are divided into three groups: the early elementary objectives are stated as terminal objectives *for the end of the third grade*. In other words, we would hope that by the end of the third grade, the boys and girls in Michigan would have attained these minimal objectives. The later elementary objectives are stated as terminal objectives *for the end of the sixth grade*. These are skills and objectives that we would hope children would have acquired by the end of the sixth grade. The secondary objectives are stated as terminal objectives *for the end of the ninth grade*. These are the skills and objectives that we would hope students would have attained by the end of the ninth grade.

The first section of this booklet contains the elementary objectives, the second part the later elementary, the third part the secondary objectives. Eighteen topics or goal areas are presented at both the early and later elementary levels. Indeed, these eighteen broad areas are the same at both levels; what differs is the degree of attainment to be achieved at the two levels. At the secondary level, 49 goal areas

have been presented. These secondary objectives may be categorized on the basis of the following:

- Topics 1-10 Social-Affective Skills
- Topics 11-16 Thinking Skills
- Topics 17-24 Social Science Skills
- Topics 25-29 Occupational Skills
- Topics 30-49 Skills in Regard to Certain Concepts

These five topic areas are also contained within the eighteen elementary social studies goals.

5. *Minimal expectancies.* These objectives must be looked upon as *minimal*. It would be desirable if all of the children and youth of Michigan could acquire at the very least the social studies objectives that are contained here. Most schools will hope that their students would move beyond these skills, and this is as it should be. Therefore, when the reader notes that this or that social studies skill does not seem to appear, he must remember that it need not be left out where he teaches. These objectives define the base level in social studies. But while students can and should move beyond this minimal level, those who helped develop these objectives feel that they do represent skills that represent a very sound grounding in the social sciences.

6. *Skills and concepts.* These objectives stress social studies *skills* and *concepts*. They are relatively "content free." It would not be appropriate for state objectives to state what specific information the youngsters should acquire, at least in the level social studies. The content used for teaching the skills and concepts should be identified by the local districts and the individual classroom teacher. Some districts may want their youngsters to learn about Argentina; other districts may wish to stress Brazil or India. In other words, content used may — in fact, should — vary. However, objectives that focus on skills and concepts do not mean that the students should not acquire information. There is really no such thing as a purely "process" curriculum, even if someone should want such a thing; processes can only be acquired through use of content. In other words, while the stress in these objectives is on certain skills and concepts, it is assumed that in acquiring these skills and learning about these concepts, the youngsters will also acquire a good deal of information. Indeed, teachers who stress processes over the information itself may actually produce students who know more information than teachers who go straight to the content and teach it, for its own sake.

In regard to the above, the student who has a rich background of information in the social sciences will

probably do better on the evaluation items than youngsters who do not. Although the objectives do not expect the student to recall specific factual material, a general fund of information would obviously be of value to the student, if he were called upon to respond to the evaluation items.

7. *The reading problem.* The reader will note that the student who is a good reader will have an advantage over the student who is not. This is undoubtedly true. Reading skills are so valuable it is difficult to get around that fact. However, students who do not read well may acquire many of the social studies objectives contained in this document by observing social phenomena, by viewing films and filmstrips, by listening to tapes, by taking part in discussions and class activities, and so forth. In many cases, material can be read to the students — and perhaps an assessment battery in the social studies should, even on the secondary level, be read to the students.

8. *Over-lap in the objectives.* The reader will also observe a great deal of over-lap in these objectives. Skills acquired through one objective will relate strongly to skills in other objectives. This is as it should be. For example, in focusing on a particular concept, the student will obviously use skills included in other objectives. Over-lap also occurs between objectives contained in this volume and objectives stated in other curriculum areas, particularly in the areas of Communication Skills and Science.

9. *The use of the term "Skill"* Within the Performance Objective column the reader will note that frequently several skills are noted. For example, Skill I, Skill II, Skill III, etc. These are discrete terminal skills and should not be considered hierarchial. This simply means that by the end of the third, sixth, or ninth grade, students should have acquired Skill I, Skill II, Skill III, and so forth. It could not be assumed that Skill I, for example, would be focused on in first grade, Skill II in second, and Skill III in third. Often the skills are so closely related that though they are separated in the objectives, the student would acquire them concomitantly.

10. *The use of these objectives at the local level.* How may these objectives be used at the local level? The answer is simply this: when social studies teachers sit down together in their school buildings to develop performance objectives, it would be hoped that these state objectives will be of great use to them in developing their own objectives. Defining performance objectives is a difficult and time-consuming task, and if teachers at the local level can have objectives to base their work upon — objectives that

represent the thinking of a large number of people throughout the state — this can hardly help but be an extremely valuable resource for them. The locally developed objectives will undoubtedly go far beyond these state objectives, both in terms of specificity and scope. But the objectives defined in this document will, it is to be hoped, provide local social studies teachers with a starting point and a model. It might be added that a description of the uses of performance

objectives in the social studies is contained in an article entitled "Developing Performance Objectives in the Social Studies in Michigan" by Robert L. Trezise, formerly the Department of Education's Social Studies Specialist. Dr. Trezise's article appears in the January, 1974 issue of the *Social Studies*, the official publication of the National Council for the Social Studies.

**EARLY ELEMENTARY  
PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES  
Grades 1-3**

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## LIST OF TOPICS FOR BOTH EARLY AND LATER ELEMENTARY

Topic	Title
1 .....	Formulating and Justifying Concepts
2 .....	Making and Testing Generalizations
3 .....	Gathering Information from a Variety of Sources
4 .....	Taking Part in Group Discussions
5 .....	Taking Part in Group Activities
6 .....	Problem Solving
7 .....	Feeling, Attitudes, and Values
8 .....	Services Available to Persons
9 .....	The World of Work
10 .....	The Transmittance of Cultural Traits from Person to Person
11 .....	Adapting Biological Inheritances to the Environment
12 .....	Comparative Cultures
13 .....	The Concept of Change
14 .....	Concepts in History
15 .....	The Nature of Rules and Laws
16 .....	Economic Choices
17 .....	Man's Use and Misuse of the Environment
18 .....	Map and Globe Reading Skills

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### FORMULATING AND JUSTIFYING CONCEPTS

Given an assortment of pictures, objects, and/or other materials, the student will:

**Skill I:** Group the items in at least three ways (formulate concepts), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Explain the reasons for the groupings (justifying concepts), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. A teacher may present the student with a variety of fruit. She would then ask the student, "Can you think of some fruit that could be placed together for some reason?" The student might group some fruit together because they are red, others because they are round, others because he likes them in his cereal, others because they are fruit he doesn't like, others because he has seen them growing in Michigan, etc. The teacher would encourage the student to formulate at least three groupings (concepts), but she would also encourage him to think of more than three groupings. Diversity of groupings is desirable.

2. Below are five pictures, each with six items. Which of the five groups has an item that does *not* seem to belong to the group? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ A picture showing six nuts.
- \_\_\_ A picture showing six fruits.
- \_\_\_ A picture showing five tools and one apple.
- \_\_\_ A picture showing two screws, two nails and two thumbtacks.
- \_\_\_ A picture showing six people.

3. Below are pictures of 20 items you can buy in a grocery store. Each item is given a number. Group the items (by number) in at least five ways in the boxes provided.

1	5	9	13	17
2	6	10	14	18
3	7	11	15	19
4	8	12	16	20

A	B	C	D	E
<input type="checkbox"/>				

**Skill II:**

1. After the teacher has asked the student to place the fruit in various ways and the student has done so, the teacher has the student explain (immediately after formulating each group) why he has placed the fruit in those groups (justify concepts). Any reason the student gives for

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

forming a group would be considered acceptable. It is important to ask the student to explain his reason for a grouping because, particularly with very young children, the reason for the grouping may not be readily apparent to an adult.

2. Look again at the pictures of items above. Except for the one you checked because it contains an item that doesn't seem to belong there, why do you think these items were grouped together? Write the reason in the blanks below.

1. They are all nuts.

2. They are all fruit.

3. They all hold things together.

4. They are all people.

3. Look again at groupings you made of the grocery items in the boxes above. Give a name to each of the boxes.

A. Soaps.

B. Things you can't eat.

C. Things from meat department.

D. Things I like.

E. Canned goods.

## MAKING AND TESTING GENERALIZATIONS

Given a set of pictures, objects, and/or information about various topics, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify what the items have in common, and make an appropriate generalization on the basis of the commonality, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill I:**

1. The teacher may show the student five pictures of people who live in the Arctic regions. All are warmly dressed. The teacher would then ask, "What can we say about people who live in cold places, on the basis of these pictures?" An appropriate generalization might be: "People who live in cold places wear warm clothes." Other generalizations might also be possible.

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**Skill II:** Test the accuracy of the generalization on the basis of additional information, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

2. Below are three pictures of jungles. On the basis of these three pictures, which of the following statements could *not* be considered true? (Check one.)

- Jungles have lots of trees.
- Jungles are good places for plants to grow.
- Jungles would be easy places to get lost in.
- Jungles are good places for birds.
- Jungles are places where very poor people live.

(Note: The last choice is not justified by the pictures since none of the pictures show any people at all.)

3. Below are five pictures. Look at them carefully. (The pictures show five trees bearing fruit.) On the basis of these pictures, which of the following statements would be considered true? (Check one.)

- Fruit is red.
- Fruit is sweet and juicy.
- Fruit grows in hot climates.
- Almost everyone likes fruit.
- Fruit grows on trees.

### Skill II:

1. After showing the student the five pictures of people who live in Arctic regions and having him make a generalization on the basis of these pictures, the teacher shows the student additional pictures of people who live in cold climates. The student's generalization may or may not be supported. If he said, "People who live in cold places wear warm clothing," this generalization may be supported. If the student said, "People who live in cold places wear fur clothing," this generalization may not be supported.
2. Look at the pictures of the jungles again. Let us say that Mary said, "On the basis of these pictures, I would say that 'People do not live in the jungle.'" Now look at the following pictures of jungles. (One of the three pictures shows a jungle village, with people in it.) Would you say on the basis of these three pictures that Mary's generalization was correct or incorrect? (Check one.)

- Correct
- Incorrect

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### GATHERING INFORMATION FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES

Given a particular topic and/or question, the student will:

**Skill I:** Gather information on the topic and/or question from at least three sources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Compare the information so gathered as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. Bobby and his family planned to visit California. Bobby's mother said to him that he should find out some things about California before they visited there. Bobby thought this would be a good idea. He wanted to find out a lot about California. Which of the following do you think would be the best way for him to do this? (Check one.)

- Look at a picture of California in a magazine.
- Look at two pictures of California.
- Look at an article that has several pictures of California.
- Look at a book that has pictures of California.
- Look at many books that have pictures of California.

**Skill II:**

1. Read the following two paragraphs about tigers:

Tigers live in the jungles of Africa. They are considered the most dangerous of animals. Tigers are sometimes caught and brought to zoos. People who come to zoos like to watch them in their cages.

You can usually see tigers in the zoo. Even in zoos they are dangerous animals. That is why they are kept in cages. Except for zoos, tigers live in countries like China and India.

The two paragraphs say mostly the same thing about tigers, *except for one point*. On which of the following points do they disagree? (Check one.)

- Tigers are dangerous.
- Tigers live in zoos.
- Tigers live in Africa.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Evaluate the quality of the sources of information, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. Mary read the two paragraphs about tigers. She noticed that they disagreed. She wanted to find out which one was right. Which would you say would *probably* be the best way for her to find out? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ She should ask her little brother.
- \_\_\_ She should ask her friend, Suzie.
- \_\_\_ She should look in a book about tigers.
- \_\_\_ She should ask the lady next door.
- \_\_\_ She should ask several of her friends.

Further discussion of these skills:

The teacher may say to the class: "Will you find out who Martin Luther King was? Ask several people about him. Tomorrow, I will ask you to tell what you found out about him, and I'll put all of the things you say on the board. We'll see how much information about Martin we can gather in this way." The next day the teacher gathers the information from the children and puts it on the board. If information differs, the teacher will ask the children why information differs; the teacher will ask the children why information differs and can they think of ways to check which is correct.

Another example:

The teacher may say that the class is going to the library and look at books on Africa. Each child can look at the books of his choice. Some children may look at slides, etc., and others may want to find out about Africa in other ways — at home, by talking to a missionary, etc. The children will then present either verbally or in written form what they have found out about Africa. They will also indicate where they found their information. If information is in disagreement, the teacher will ask the children how they can find out which is correct.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### TAKING PART IN GROUP DISCUSSION

Given a group discussion situation, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in the discussion by:

**Skill I:** Presenting his own ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Demonstrating a willingness to expand and clarify his ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Listening to others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Commenting on and building on the ideas of others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skills I, II, III, & IV:

1. It would be well for a teacher to devise herself or locate an existing discussion analysis form. (For example, the Flander's Interaction Analysis Scale.) Then she could organize either a class or a small group discussion on a topic all participants are able to discuss. Either she or observers could use the discussion analysis form to keep track of which students: (I) were willing to say something; (II) were willing to expand and clarify an idea; (III) were willing to listen to others; and, (IV) were willing to comment on and build upon the ideas of others. Such a discussion analysis form could be used periodically throughout the year to determine the progress of students. Skill III (listening to others) might be difficult to determine through observation alone. In this case, following a discussion, the students could be asked to re-state some major ideas presented by certain participants. A child who could re-state an idea presented by Tom, Mary, Fred, and Sue, for example, could be considered a better listener than a child who couldn't remember anything said by those children.
2. The students could be shown a film of a group discussion and perhaps they could also be supplied with a transcript of the discussion. Following the showing of the film and using the discussion transcript, the students could be given a set of questions, such as:
  - A. Which participants in the film seemed to be the most willing to present ideas? Which were the most unwilling?
  - B. Which students seemed to be the most willing to expand and clarify his ideas? Describe how he or she did this. Which students seemed to be the most unwilling to do this? Describe.
  - C. Which students seemed unwilling to listen to others? Describe. Which students seemed willing to listen to others? Describe.
  - D. Which students seemed most willing to comment on and to build upon the ideas of others? Describe.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### TAKING PART IN GROUP ACTIVITIES

Given a group activity situation and minimal adult supervision, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in an activity by:

**Skill I:** Helping to establish the purpose and/or nature of the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Taking part in the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

The same technique could be used by having some of the students in the class observe other students having a discussion. The discussion participants could either be asked to take part in an actual discussion, or they could be asked to role-play various discussion behaviors.

### Skills I & II:

- 1 The teacher could devise an observational technique to assist her in determining how well the students are able to plan and take part in a group activity. It would be well to determine specific criteria that she would use as a basis for evaluation. Such an observation technique could be used periodically throughout the year to gauge individual student progress. The important thing would be that the teacher make it a point in her plans for the year to define specific strategies to encourage the children to take part in group activities with some degree of independence.
2. Students could be asked to role-play an independent activity session, and other students could observe. Or a film could be shown that depicts a group of children in some activity. Following the role-playing situation or the showing of the film, the students could be asked to respond to such questions as:

Which children seemed the most helpful in planning the activity? Why?

Which children seemed the least helpful? Why?

Which children seemed the most cooperative? Why?

Which children do you think contributed most to the activity? Why?

Which children seemed to be the leaders? The followers? Were there children that seemed neither to be good leaders nor good followers? Explain.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Given a picture or description of an event suggesting a problem, especially a picture or description of children, families, or a community, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify a possible problem or problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify possible solutions to the problem or problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Look at the picture below. (It shows two children arguing over a toy. But the picture contains other elements as well to serve as "distractors.") On the basis of this picture, what do you think is the problem between the two children? (Check one.)

- The two children don't seem to want to go to school together.
- Rain seems to be coming soon, which will stop their play.
- The children seem to be mad because their parents won't let them play together.
- The air seems to be polluted.
- The children seem to be arguing over a toy.

2. Look at the picture below. (It shows an aerial view of a city that seems to suffer from a pollution problem.) What major problem does this city seem to have — *on the basis of the picture*?

- It doesn't seem to have enough jobs for the people there.
- It doesn't seem to have good schools.
- It doesn't seem to have good buses.
- It doesn't seem to have a good city government.
- It doesn't seem to have a way of controlling pollution.

### Skill II:

1. Look again at the picture of the children above. They seem to be arguing over a toy. How do you think they should solve the problem. Of the following solutions to this problem, which do you think is the most reasonable? (Check one.)

- The bigger boy should keep the toy.
- The boys should keep arguing until one wins.

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## FEELINGS, ATTITUDES AND VALUES

### A. Feelings

Given an event, a picture of an event, or a description of an event, especially an event involving children, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the various feelings a person or persons involved in the event may have experienced, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ The smaller boy should get the toy, because he's the smaller.
- \_\_\_ The boys should throw the toy away so that neither can have it.
- \_\_\_ The boys should stop arguing, let their anger cool off, and then decide what to do.

2. A community had a problem with its garbage. Everyone had garbage to get rid of, but the town lacked a good means of picking up the garbage. Of the following possible solutions to this problem, choose at least *two* that you think are the best solutions:

- \_\_\_ The city should arrange for city workers to pick up the garbage every week.
- \_\_\_ The city should tell the people to burn or bury their garbage in their yards.
- \_\_\_ The city should encourage private trash pick-up businesses to come into the city.
- \_\_\_ The city should tell the people to not have garbage any more.
- \_\_\_ The city should provide trash pick-up places in areas around the city.
- \_\_\_ The city should tell the people not to worry about their trash.

### Skill I:

1. Below is a picture of a little girl about your age. You can tell from the picture the kind of situation she is in. Below are some ways that the little girl may feel at this moment. Check the ways you think she may feel. (Check as many as you wish.)

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| ___ happy                | ___ angry       |
| ___ brave                | ___ lonely      |
| ___ like hitting someone | ___ really good |
| ___ sad                  | ___ afraid      |
| ___ excited              | ___ jealous     |
| ___ like running away    | ___ proud       |

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify possible reasons for those inferred feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

2. The teacher will show the picture book, "The Dead Bird," to the students. After completing the story, the teacher will ask the students, "How do you think the children felt when they found the dead bird?" In evaluating the students, the teacher will note if each child was able to think of a way or ways the children in the story might have felt.

**Skill II:**

1. Tommy walked home from school very slowly. He looked very sad. He seemed not to want to get home. In his hand he carried a letter for his parents. It was from his teacher. Following are some possible reasons why Tommy was walking so slowly and looking so sad. (Check as many as you wish.)
  - He had got in a fight in school that day, and the teacher was sending a note home about it.
  - He had won a spelling bee, and he was carrying a note home about it.
  - He had gotten a poor grade in arithmetic, and was carrying a note home about it.
  - The teacher had handed him the note to take home, and she looked very unhappy when she handed it to him. But he didn't know what was in it.
  - He had been elected the leader of the class, and the note was about that.
  - The note was asking for some money, and he knew his mother was very poor.
2. After reading "The Dead Bird" and the teacher has asked the students how they think the children in the story felt when they found the dead bird, the teacher would ask each student who gives a response, "Why do you think they felt that way?"

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Relate the event and those feelings to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## FEELINGS, ATTITUDES AND VALUES

### B. Attitudes

Given an event, a picture of an event, or a description of an event, especially an event involving children, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify attitudes a person or persons involved in the event may seem to have, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of those attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. In order to relate the feelings of a person in a story to the children's own experiences, the teacher might pursue the following line of questioning:

How do you think the person in the story felt when . . .

Why do you think he felt that way?

Has anything like that every happened to you?

How did you feel?

Why?

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a picture of a boy about your age playing baseball. He is playing outfield. If you look carefully at this picture, you should be able to guess what his general attitude toward the game is. Which of the following would best describe his attitude? (Check one.)

He really likes the game.

He really dislikes the game.

He doesn't care one way or the other about the game.

He is very much interested in the game.

All of the above.

**Skill II:**

1. Mary's attitude about washing dishes is negative. In other words, she doesn't like to do them. Of the following possible reasons for Mary's attitude, check the one you think if the most appropriate.

She doesn't like to wash dishes because her favorite TV shows are on right then.

She doesn't like to wash dishes because her mother makes her do it.

She doesn't like to wash dishes because her sister never has to.

She doesn't like to wash dishes because it makes her hands rough.

All of the above could explain Mary's attitude toward washing dishes.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Relate those attitudes to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## FEELINGS, ATTITUDES AND VALUES

### C. Values

Given an event, a picture of an event, or a description of an event, especially an event involving children, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the values the person or persons involved in the event may hold, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. In discussions about person's attitudes, the teacher will encourage the student to relate the attitudes of others and the reasons for those attitudes to his own experiences.

**Skill I:**

1. Read a story about a child and his family in 19th Century China. On the basis of this story, what do you think the people of this part of China value — or the things they think are important to them. (Check as many as you wish.)

- closeness of family
- the past
- respect for older people
- money and material gain
- desire to travel to other countries
- beauty and art works
- the world of nature
- large homes
- education
- international cooperation
- belief in life after death
- importance of listening to young people

2. Read a story to the students, such as "The Hundred Dresses." Then ask the students to discuss the questions, "What values do you think the children who teased Wanda seemed to demonstrate by their behavior?" Or, the teacher could make a list of values that children might demonstrate and ask the student to check those values that the children in the story seemed to demonstrate in their attitude toward Wanda.

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of those values, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Relate those values to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill II:

1. Peter and Sue were brother and sister. Both of these children believed that it was right to be honest. One of their friends took something from a store, and both Peter and Sue thought that was very naughty.

Where do you think that Peter and Sue learned that it is right to be honest? (Check one.)

- from their mother and father
- from many members of their family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and so on.
- at the church they went to
- at school
- all of the above

### Skill III:

1. It would be important to relate discussion of values to the children's own lives. For example, in discussing "The Hundred Dresses," after the students had discussed the events of the story and the values that the children seemed to demonstrate when they teased Wanda about the fact that she wore only one dress to school, the teacher could ask the students if they had ever seen a situation where a child was teased by other children. She could then ask:

Describe what happened.

Why do you think the children teased that child?

In teasing that child, what did the children seem to show was important to them?

In terms of this story, the students might say:

They seemed to value being like everyone else.

They seemed to value pretty clothes.

They seemed to value going along with the group.

They seemed to value being a native-born American.

Etc.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PERSONS

**Skill I:** Given a picture or a description of persons who serve individuals, especially individuals in the neighborhood and/or community, the student will identify the services provided by these persons, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

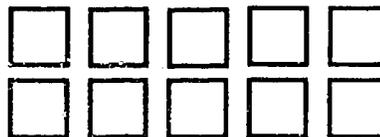
1. Study the list of the following service people:

- A. Policeman
- B. Garbage or trashman
- C. Fireman
- D. Store keeper
- E. Librarian
- F. Telephone operator
- G. Plumber
- H. Electrician
- I. Man at City Hall
- J. Ambulance driver
- K. Teacher
- L. City Park attendant
- M. TV repairman
- N. Dog Pound (Animal Shelter)
- O. Dry cleaner
- P. Juvenile officer

Now read the statements below. Place the correct letter in each blank.

- \_\_\_ Call this person if your mother fell and hurt herself badly.
- \_\_\_ Go to this person if you wanted a book to read.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if you smelled smoke.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if someone broke into your house.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if you wanted to talk to someone in another city.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if you needed a wire repaired.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if a water pipe broke.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if you needed old papers, bottles, and cans picked up.
- \_\_\_ Call this person if the street in front of your house needed to be repaired.

2. Look at the ten pictures below. They are all service people performing some service that you may need sometime.



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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a picture or a description of an individual or a community, the student will identify those services that may be needed by that person or that community and where those services may be obtained, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## THE WORLD OF WORK

**Skill I:** Given a particular occupation, the student will identify the nature of that occupation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Now look at the ten listings below. Place the correct letter in the blank below each picture:

- A. Nurse
- B. Dry cleaner
- C. Carpenter
- D. Policeman
- E. Road repairman
- F. Lineman
- G. Snowplow man
- H. Roof repairman
- I. Fireman
- J. Gas station man

**Skill II:**

1. Let us say that Tommy lives in a small town. One day Tommy's mother notices that a hole has appeared in the street outside their house. It is deep enough so it might cause an accident. What should Tommy's mother do? (Check one.)

- She should get Tommy's father to repair the hole.
- She should call a repairman who lives nearby.
- She should call a man in the town who makes cement.
- She should call a fireman.
- She should call the City Hall.

2. Think of all of the things that need to be done in order to keep your town a safe, pleasant, and healthy place to live in. Make a list of all of these "needs." Now tell how these needs are met by your town. For example, your city needs to take care of its garbage and trash. How does it take care of this need? Think of as many "needs" as you can.

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a list of some occupations. Read them carefully.
  - A. Secretary
  - B. Factory Worker
  - C. Doctor
  - D. Teacher
  - E. Building Custodian
  - F. Truck Driver
  - G. Carpenter
  - H. Store Clerk or Salesman

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Skill II: Given a list of occupations, the student will place the occupations into appropriate occupational clusters, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Now decide which letter should go in each of the blanks:

- \_\_\_ This person has the job of getting things delivered from one city to another. He travels a great deal.
- \_\_\_ This person sees to it that everything in a building works correctly, and he must keep the building clean and safe.
- \_\_\_ This person is in charge of maintaining the health of the people in the community.
- \_\_\_ This person is responsible for the education of children and young people.
- \_\_\_ This person usually works in an office. She often works at a typewriter, files papers, and answers the telephone.
- \_\_\_ This person works at building homes. He especially works with wood.
- \_\_\_ This person sells all kinds of things, like dresses, groceries, hardware, furniture, and many other things.
- \_\_\_ This person often works on an assembly line. He helps to build cars, machinery, and many other things. In fact, many of the things we need, he helps to make

Skill II:

1. Below are listed five groups of jobs and five possible labels for these jobs. Put the correct letter in the blanks by the job groups.

- A. People who help build houses
- B. People who work in factories
- C. People who work in communications
- D. People who sell things
- E. People who work in offices

- \_\_\_ brick layer, plumber, carpenter
- \_\_\_ radio announcer, TV cameraman, newspaperman
- \_\_\_ secretary, typist, person who works at a desk
- \_\_\_ store clerk, grocery man, salesman
- \_\_\_ making cars, making steel, making equipment

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a description of a particular occupation or occupational cluster, the student will identify ways in which that occupation or occupational cluster is related to other occupations, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### THE TRANSMITTANCE OF CULTURAL TRAITS FROM PERSON TO PERSON

**Skill I:** Given a description of the behavior of persons, especially children, the student will identify those behaviors that are affected by the family, the neighborhood, and/or the community which the persons are a part of, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. The man who delivers packages to your house depends upon people who do other kinds of jobs. Check the appropriate choice below which indicates who the delivery man depends upon:

- He depends upon the street repairmen.
- He depends upon the people who sell gasoline.
- He depends upon the people who build delivery trucks.
- He depends upon the people who sell the things he delivers.
- He depends upon all of the above.
- He depends upon two of the above.

**Skill I:**

1. Unlike some of the other boys his age, Joel, who is Jewish, celebrates the New Year in September. To celebrate, he eats special food and goes to a special religious service. Joel looks forward to this event each year.

Where do you think Joel probably learned to celebrate the New Year in this way? (Check one.)

- from his father
- from his mother
- from many of the members of his family
- from the other people in the Jewish community
- from all of the above
- from two of the above

2. Manuel lives in a city in Mexico. One of his favorite things is bullfighting. He goes to the bullfights with his father as often as he can. He would like to grow up to be a famous bullfighter. His hero is the most famous bullfighter in Mexico.

Where do you think Manuel probably learned to like bullfighting? (Check one.)

- Manuel just naturally likes bullfighting, for no particular reason

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**EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS**

- \_\_\_ from his father and others in his family
- \_\_\_ Manuel lives in a city where many people like bullfighting
- \_\_\_ Manuel's friends also like bullfighting, and so he learned to like it from them
- \_\_\_ from all of the above
- \_\_\_ from three of the above

3. Tim's father and brothers like to hunt. In fact, Tim lives in a town where many people like hunting. Many people come to the town each year to hunt. Tim's friends enjoy hunting too.

Check *one* of the following statements:

- \_\_\_ Tim will like to hunt too.
- \_\_\_ Tim will not like to hunt.
- \_\_\_ Tim's family and friends will probably have no effect on his attitude toward hunting.
- \_\_\_ Tim will like hunting, but will never go.
- \_\_\_ Tim will probably like hunting, but it's possible he won't.

**ADAPTING BIOLOGICAL INHERITANCES TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

Given pictures of persons who are both alike and different, or descriptions of such persons, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the similarities and differences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill I:**

1. Below are pictures of two persons. One lives near the Arctic Circle; one lives on a South Sea Island. These people are alike in some ways, and in some ways they are different.



Arctic Circle Man

South Sea Island Man

Check whether they are alike or different in the following ways:

*Alike*

*Different*

- \_\_\_ 1. They both need food. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 2. In the way they prepare their food. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 3. They both need sleep. \_\_\_\_\_

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify reasons for the similarities and differences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify ways that these people have adapted to their environment in similar and different ways, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ 4. In the kind of shelter they build. \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5. In their need for heavy, warm shoes. \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 6. In their religious customs. \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 7. In the kind of clothing they wear. \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 8. In their height. \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 9. They both need some kind of water to drink. \_\_\_

2. Show the student a picture of two persons or groups of persons. Ask them to list all the ways they can think of in which they are alike and different.

**Skill II:**

1. People are alike in some ways and are different in some ways. Some of these likenesses and differences are because of heredity; some are because of the environment they live in. Of the following ways in which we may be alike or different, indicate whether these differences are because of heredity or environment.

*Heredity*

*Environment*

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| ___ 1. Different kinds of shelter.  | ___ |
| ___ 2. Different kinds of clothing.                                       | ___ |
| ___ 3. Different eye colors.  | ___ |
| ___ 4. Different heights.   | ___ |
| ___ 5. Different kind of food needs.                                      | ___ |
| ___ 6. Different kinds of skin color.                                     | ___ |
| ___ 7. Same need for food of some kind.                                   | ___ |
| ___ 8. Same need for water to drink.                                      | ___ |
| ___ 9. Same need for some kind of religion.                               | ___ |
| ___ 10. Same need for some way of expressing themselves in art and music. | ___ |

**Skill III:**

1. Look again at the pictures of an Eskimo and a South Sea Islander. Now mark each of the following statements either true or false.

- \_\_\_ Both of these people probably build some kind of shelter.
- \_\_\_ Both probably eat food that can be found or grown in their areas.
- \_\_\_ Both probably wear clothing appropriate to their climates.
- \_\_\_ Both wear warm clothing and heavy shoes.
- \_\_\_ Both build heavy stone shelters.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### Comparative Cultures

Given a description of a particular culture or sub-culture, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify similarities and differences between that culture or sub-culture and his own, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify similarities and differences between that culture or subculture and other cultures or sub-cultures, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skills I & II:

1. Bobby lives in a city in Michigan. One day his father told him that their family was going to visit India for two weeks. Bobby was very excited.

When the family got there, Bobby found that in some ways the Indians were like Americans and in some ways they were different. Mark "T" for true, and "F" for false on the following statements.

- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that the Indians have the very same style of clothing as his own.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that the Indians have the same religious customs as his own family.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that the Indians also have families and that the children are raised in the family.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that India has no form of government.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that Indians have a way of raising food.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that Indians like foods that are different from most American food.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find that in India some people have more power in making decisions about how things are run in the government than others.
- \_\_\_ He is likely to find the Indians have the same holidays as Americans.

2. Show the children a film or filmstrip about life in another country or culture. Or, they could read a book, such as "The Wave" (about Korea) or "The Burning Rice Field" (about China), or look at picture books about other lands. The teacher would then ask the student to describe the similarities and differences between the culture as depicted in the book or film and his own culture (or sub-culture). Or the teacher could have the student read several books on various cultures and have the student compare these.
3. At Christmastime have each student make a list of various customs his family practices to celebrate the holiday. Have the children compare the lists. In what way are they alike? In what way different? How would they explain these likenesses and differences?

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### THE CONCEPT OF CHANGE

**Skill I:** Given a description of an individual, a family, or a community, the student will identify possible conditions that may bring about the need for change for that individual, family, or community, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of conditions that may bring about change, especially for an individual, family, or community, the student will identify possible changes that may occur, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. In 1960, 10,000 people lived in a certain little town. Twelve years later, in 1972, only 2,000 people lived there. Of the following possible reasons for this change in the town, which is the most likely? (Check one.)
  - \_\_\_ A new mayor was elected.
  - \_\_\_ The school burned down.
  - \_\_\_ Some of the stores closed down.
  - \_\_\_ The factory where most of the men worked closed down.
  - \_\_\_ Six of the town's ten churches closed down.
2. Sometimes families have to change the way they live. For example, sometimes families move from one house to another. Can you think of reasons why families move? List them.

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3. Communities are always changing. Sometimes these changes happen quite fast, sometimes they happen very slowly. Think of some ways your community has changed over the years. Why have these changes come about? Can you think of things that will happen in the future that will cause your community to change even more?

### Skill II:

1. Let us say that about 10,000 people lived in a certain town. Almost everyone in the town worked in a factory that made small motors. One day the factory closed and never opened again. What changes do you think probably occurred because the factory closed down? (Check one.)
  - \_\_\_ Some people probably moved into town.
  - \_\_\_ Some people probably moved out of the town.
  - \_\_\_ Many people probably moved out of the town.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ Many people probably moved into the town.
- \_\_\_ The closing of the factory probably had little effect on the population of the town.

2. Many years ago electricity was made available to families. Before long, most Americans had electricity in their homes.

Over the years, electricity changed how families lived. Check the following statements that suggest how electricity changed how American families lived. (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ Homes were able to have brighter lighting.
- \_\_\_ Housewives could have more appliances, like toasters, vacuums, radios, TVs, phonographs, and so on.
- \_\_\_ Homes could have safer and cleaner heating systems.
- \_\_\_ People had to depend upon others for their source of power.
- \_\_\_ Homes could be built out of stronger building material, such as stone and brick.
- \_\_\_ Families could buy prettier clothing.
- \_\_\_ Families became more religious.
- \_\_\_ More people started to depend upon wood and coal for fuel.
- \_\_\_ More people started to become "electricians."

3. Let us say that in a certain family, the father got a new job that meant he earned much more money than he did before. What are some changes that may occur in that family because of this?

Now let us say that the father lost his job and had to take one that paid much less than his old job. What changes might occur in that situation.?

What things do you think would not change in the family in either case?

4. Think of some things that may cause your community to change — or things that have caused your community to change in the past. What changes occurred because of those things?

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### HISTORY: FAMOUS EVENTS AND PERSONS: CHRONOLOGY

**Skill I:** Given a particular holiday or special event, the student will identify the nature of the holiday or event, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given the names of some famous persons, either historical or contemporary, the student will identify such persons, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Below are listed some holidays in this country. Match them with the descriptions.
  - A. 4th of July
  - B. Christmas
  - C. Labor Day
  - D. Thanksgiving
  - E. Valentine's Day
  - F. Armed Forces Day
  - G. Lincoln's birthday
  - H. Martin Luther King's birthday

- \_\_\_ Celebrates the "birth of the United States"
- \_\_\_ Observance of the birth of Jesus
- \_\_\_ Honors the working men and women of the United States
- \_\_\_ A time we remember the Pilgrims and Indians
- \_\_\_ A day people exchange cards of love and friendship
- \_\_\_ A day we honor the people who have served in the army, navy, and other military services
- \_\_\_ A day we honor a famous President of the United States
- \_\_\_ A day honoring a great Black American

### Skill II:

1. Below are listed some famous persons. Match them with the item that made them famous.
  - A. Columbus
  - B. Martin Luther King
  - C. George Washington
  - D. Abraham Lincoln
  - E. William Milliken
  - F. Ben Franklin
  - G. Richard Nixon
  - \_\_\_ Governor of Michigan
  - \_\_\_ First President of the United States
  - \_\_\_ President of the United States during the Civil War
  - \_\_\_ Flew a kite to show lightning was electricity
  - \_\_\_ Famous Black American
  - \_\_\_ Sailed to America in 1492
  - \_\_\_ President of the United States

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a set of events, either historical or contemporary, the student will place the events in chronological order, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## THE NATURE OF RULES AND LAWS

Given a school or family rule, or given a law, especially a law of the community, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the reasons for the rule or law, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill III:

1. Place the events in the order you think they occurred by marking 1, 2, and 3, for each group:

- \_\_\_ Richard Nixon becomes President
- \_\_\_ Man discovers how to make fire
- \_\_\_ Columbus comes to America
  
- \_\_\_ Michigan becomes a state
- \_\_\_ The United States becomes a nation
- \_\_\_ William Milliken becomes Governor
  
- \_\_\_ The wheel is invented
- \_\_\_ The airplane is invented
- \_\_\_ The car is invented

### Skill I:

1. A rule in your school may be "No running in the hall." What do you think are good reasons for this rule? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ It helps keep the school quiet.
- \_\_\_ It gives the principal a good reason for getting mad at the children.
- \_\_\_ Enforcing the rule is a good way to keep the teachers busy.
- \_\_\_ It makes the halls safe for the children.
- \_\_\_ Such a rule shows the children how they should walk in other public buildings as well.
- \_\_\_ It is a way of making the children unhappy.

2. You probably know that there are laws in your community. Why do you think we have laws? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ Laws are to help most of the people.
- \_\_\_ Laws are to keep order in a community.
- \_\_\_ Laws are to let people know what they cannot and can do.
- \_\_\_ Laws are for people to break.
- \_\_\_ Laws are made to make people sad and unhappy.
- \_\_\_ Laws are to protect the safety of people.
- \_\_\_ Laws are to create confusion and disorder in the community.

3. Can you think of some laws in your community? What are these laws? What are the reasons for the laws you can think of?

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify means of making or changing a rule or law, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill II:

#### 1. When a rule is made: (Check one.)

- Everyone the rule applies to should know why the rule is necessary.
- It should be for the benefit of everyone it applies to.
- Everyone should understand how the rule should be obeyed.
- Everyone should get the same punishment if it is broken.
- All of the above.

#### 2. Let us say in your classroom there is a rule you think should be changed. Up to this time, no one else has thought about changing the rule, at least that you know of. What would be ways of trying to get the rule changed? (Check two.)

- Don't do anything. Rules are impossible to ever change.
- Think of reasons why the rule is a poor one and why it should be changed. Then present the teacher with your ideas.
- Write to the President of the United States.
- Talk to others in the class and find out what they think.
- Don't say anything to anybody, but break the rule every chance you can.

#### 3. Let us say your father thought a particular law was a poor one. What do you think he should do? (Check as many as you wish.)

- Talk to his neighbors to see what they think.
- Write letters to the newspapers in the area.
- He should forget about trying to change the poor law and just go on obeying it.
- Try to talk to the people who make the laws.
- He shouldn't say anything but he should break the law.
- He should get into a fight with the man who made the law.
- Get together a group of people who may agree with him and talk about how to change the law.
- He shouldn't do anything. Laws can't be changed once they are made.
- Write to the people who make the laws.
- He should find the book where the law is written and erase it.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### ECONOMIC CHOICES

**Skill I:** Given a description of a person's resources, or the resources of a family or a community, and also given a description of the needs of that person, family, or community the student will identify what seems to be important to that person, family, or community on the basis of the needs they choose to make on the basis of their resources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of a saleable thing, the student will identify factors that affect its value, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Mary's teacher gave her some play money and asked how she would spend it. Altogether she had \$40.00 to spend. This is how she said she would spend it:

\$25.00 for new cloths

8.00 for candy

5.00 for toys

1.00 for food

1.00 for a trip

On the basis of the way Mary said she would spend her money, what do you think we could say about Mary. (Check as many as you wish.)

Mary likes food better than toys.

Mary likes clothes very much.

Mary likes food and trips about the same.

Mary likes toys even better than candy.

Next to clothes, Mary likes candy.

Mary doesn't seem to care for trips.

Mary likes clothes and candy about the same.

### Skill II:

1. Below are some pairs of pictures. Draw a circle around one of the pictures in each pair that you think would be worth more than the other.

A. A picture of one house.

A picture of many houses.

B. A picture of a house with one buyer.

A picture of a house with three buyers

C. A picture of a run-down house.

A picture of a neat house.

D. A picture of a house next to a railroad track.

A picture of a house on a quiet street.

# 1-3 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### MAN'S USE AND MISUSE OF HIS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**Skill I:** Given a picture or description of a particular geographic condition, the student will identify effects those conditions may have on a person, a family, or a community, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Below are pictures of homes in different parts of the world:

Picture A: An igloo

Picture B: A house of the type we might see in northern U.S.

Picture C: A house for a warm climate: open spaces, no glass on windows, etc.

Picture D: An African home; thatched roof, etc.

Picture E: A house made of rocks

Now place the letters in the appropriate spaces below:

\_\_\_ You might find this house in a land of ice and snow.

\_\_\_ You might find this house where it is not too hot, but not too cold either.

\_\_\_ You might find this house where the weather is warm most of the time.

\_\_\_ You might find this house where it is very hot almost all of the time.

\_\_\_ You might find this house where there are few trees to build houses with.

2. Choose the correct answer for each statement:

a. A farmer who raises a large crop of wheat, corn, and grain is likely to live:

\_\_\_ in a dry desert area

\_\_\_ in an area where the land is rich and fertile

\_\_\_ in a very mountainous area

b. A man who fishes for a living is likely to live:

\_\_\_ near an ocean

\_\_\_ in the mountains

\_\_\_ in a desert

c. A man who help to load and unload ships is likely to live:

\_\_\_ in a seaport city

\_\_\_ in a small town near Lansing

\_\_\_ in the mountains

d. A man who builds his house out of stone is likely to live:

\_\_\_ in a place where there are many rocks in the land

\_\_\_ in a place where many trees grow

\_\_\_ in a place on a South Sea Island

# SOCIAL STUDIES 1-3

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### MAP AND GLOBE READING SKILLS

**Skill I:** Given a map of the classroom and/or the school, the student will interpret the map, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a map, the student will identify some generally known areas, such as the United States, Michigan, the Atlantic Ocean, etc., as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a map, the student will identify some common map symbols, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Following is a "map" of a classroom. Study the map carefully.



Now answer the following questions by putting a true or false in the blank:

- \_\_\_ The teacher's desk seems to be closest to the door.
- \_\_\_ There are seating places for 20 students.
- \_\_\_ The bookcase is located on the north wall.
- \_\_\_ There are windows on two walls.
- \_\_\_ The teacher's desk seems to be in front of the students.

### Skill II:

1. Study the following map. You will note that some points on the map are marked with letters. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks.

- \_\_\_ the United States
- \_\_\_ Michigan
- \_\_\_ the Atlantic Ocean
- \_\_\_ the Pacific Ocean
- \_\_\_ Detroit
- \_\_\_ Africa



### Skill III:

1. Study the following map. You will note that some things on the map are marked with letters. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks.

- \_\_\_ this indicates a highway
- \_\_\_ this indicates a river
- \_\_\_ this indicates direction
- \_\_\_ this indicates a body of water or lake
- \_\_\_ this indicates a border between states
- \_\_\_ this indicates a small town
- \_\_\_ this indicates a larger town



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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### FORMULATING, JUSTIFYING, AND TESTING THE VALIDITY OF CONCEPTS

Given a selection of items or ideas suggested by his peers, the student will:

**Skill I:** Group the items or ideas in a variety of ways (formulating concepts), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Below are listed 20 items you can buy in a hardware store. Each item is given a number. Think of at least four groups the items can be placed together in. Items can be used as many times as you wish; some groups may contain more items than others. Write the numbers of the items for each of your four groups in the boxes.

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Group I    Group II    Group III    Group IV

2. Below are pictures of five groups of items. Check the group that has an item that does *not* seem to belong there.
  - \_\_\_ a picture showing six fruit
  - \_\_\_ a picture showing six trees
  - \_\_\_ a picture showing five nails and one apple
  - \_\_\_ a picture showing two nails, two screws, and two thumbtacks
  - \_\_\_ a picture showing six children.
3. In a class discussion, the teacher could ask a question, such as, "What comes to your mind when you hear the term 'Africa'?" The teacher would record the students' response on the blackboard. After the students had supplied the items, the teacher would ask, "Can you think of ways these items could be placed in various groups?" In evaluating the students, the teacher would use as a criterion the diversity of the groupings.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Explain the reasons for the groupings (justifying concepts), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. In the exercise above, you grouped the twenty items in four groups. You must have had a reason for grouping certain items together. Explain what your reason for each group was.

Group I: I grouped these items together because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Group II: I grouped these items together because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Group III: I grouped these items together because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Group IV: I grouped these items together because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. In the following exercise, read each group of items and then answer the question immediately following it. In each case, choose only one.

Group A. lions  
elephants  
zebras

Which of the following would be the best label for Group A? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. animals of Africa
- b. Africa
- c. animals
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group B: trees  
vines  
bushes

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Which of the following would be the best label for Group B?\_\_\_\_\_

- a. greenery
- b. kinds of trees in Africa
- c. vegetation in Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group C. mountains  
valleys  
monkeys

Which of the following would be the best label for Group C?\_\_\_\_\_

- a. physical features of Africa
- b. the high and low places of Africa
- c. geography of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group D. rivers  
lakes  
swamps

Which of the following would be the best label for Group D?\_\_\_\_\_

- a. water features of Africa
- b. rivers of Africa
- c. lakes of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group E. Egypt  
Congo  
Uganda

Which of the following would be the best label for group E?\_\_\_\_\_

- a. rivers
- b. countries of Africa
- c. lakes of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Test the accuracy and validity of the groupings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Let us say you would like to check some information about Africa contained in these groups. From the following, check the ones that might be the best places to get such information:

- a book in the school library on Africa
- ask a neighbor lady
- ask my friend
- a geography book on Africa
- an encyclopedia
- any book would help

3. In the class discussion, as each student suggested a grouping, the teacher would ask, "Why do you place those items together?" It might be well then to ask for a label for each group to render the student's reason for a particular group in concise terms. The criterion for evaluation would be whether or not the student explained the reason for a grouping.

**Skill III:**

1. Let us say that in grouping the items above, someone made the following group:

awl  
phillips screwdriver  
nail

He said he placed those together because they could all be used to make holes. But someone else questioned him on this and asked him to prove that those things could actually be used to make holes.

Below are listed some ways he might "prove" that his reason for grouping the three items together should be considered acceptable. Which would be the *least* effective way of proving this? (Check one.)

- He could get a carpenter to say that all items could indeed be used to make holes.
- He could show the person a dictionary that gave a definition of each item, and the definitions showed they could all be used to make holes.
- He could demonstrate by actually making a hole with each.
- He could check in a handyman's book and find in a chapter, "How to make holes" each of the items listed.
- He could take a nail and pound it into a board. Then he could take the nail out and show that it made a hole.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### MAKING AND TESTING GENERALIZATIONS.

Given a set of pictures, objects, and/or information about various topics, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify what the items have in common, and make an appropriate generalization on the basis of the commonality, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

2. After the students had formulated the items on Africa into a group, the teacher might ask the children to check in books, films, etc., to find out if all of the items do indeed belong in the group. If a group labeled, "Animals of Africa" contains the item "tiger," for example, (there are no tigers in Africa), the children would discover this in their research. The grouping would then be shown to be invalid.

### Skill I:

1. Read the following descriptions of three different lands:
  - A. The people in this barren land cannot raise their own food. They have to buy most of their food from other countries. The mineral resources in this land, however, are rich, and most of the men in the land work in the mines.
  - B. The people in this land make great use of their fertile soil. Almost everything grows well there, but wheat and corn are the main crops. The winters are cold, so the farmers do very little during those months.
  - C. The people in this land live close to the sea, and almost all of the men fish for a living, while many of the women raise vegetables in small gardens. But it is difficult to grow much in this rocky soil, and, furthermore, the growing season is short.

Which of the following generalizations might one make on the basis of these three descriptions: (A good generalization is a statement that can be applied to all of the descriptions.) (Check one.)

- Geography influences how people make a living.
- Most people like to fish.
- Farming is a very profitable way to make a living.
- When winters are cold, most people stay indoors and wear warm clothing.
- When the soil is poor, people often fish for a living.

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2. Look carefully at the five insects that are pictured below:



*On the basis of these pictures, which of the following generalizations would you say is the best one? (Check one.)*

- \_\_\_ Insects are troublesome creatures.
- \_\_\_ Insects usually have six legs.
- \_\_\_ Some insects are large, some are small.
- \_\_\_ Insects, though sometimes a nuisance, are beneficial to man.
- \_\_\_ The bodies of insects are usually divided into three parts.

(Note: On the basis of the pictures, only the third choice above is defensible.)

3. The teacher may have a discussion with the students on such a topic as: "What are some causes of juvenile delinquency?" The teacher might wish to list the students' ideas on this question on the blackboard. At the conclusion, the teacher could ask the following question: "On the basis of what you have said in this discussion, what generalization could we make about the causes of juvenile delinquency?" The quality of the generalizations suggested by the students might be determined by certain criteria, such as, "A good generalization should (A) have a quality of tentativeness about it; (B) derive from the data upon which it is based; (C) be broad enough to include most of the data from which it was drawn as well as possible additional data." Hence, a good definition based on such a discussion might be: "Juvenile delinquency tends to be caused by many factors that influence a young child and many of these factors have to do with the parents."

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**Skill II:** Test the accuracy of the generalization on the basis of additional information as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Let us say that you wished to "test" the generalization you made about the three lands in Skill I. In other words, you want to find out if the generalization you made is true of countries in general. Which of the following would be the best means of "testing" the generalization? (Check one.)

- The teacher would give you a test about it.
- You would find out if the generalization you made about those three lands could be applied to other lands as well.
- You would go to books about those three lands and find out if the three descriptions are really accurate.
- You would ask a friend what he thinks about the generalization.
- The only way to make absolutely certain would be to visit the three lands yourself.

2. Let us say you wanted to find out if the generalization you made about insects was really a good one. Which of the following would be the best way to determine this? (Check one.)

- Find a picture of two or three more insects to find out if the generalization applied to them too.
- Ask your friend or your teacher if he or she thinks your generalization is a good one.
- Try to find some real insects to see if they are like the ones in the pictures.
- Capture several live ants and place them in an "ant house" and watch them build an "ant colony."
- Get as many pictures of insects as you can to see if they support the generalization you made about insects.

3. After a class discussion and the students have suggested some generalizations, such as the one above on juvenile delinquency, the teacher could ask the students to do further reading on the causes of delinquency in order to determine how well their generalization "stands up." The one suggested above may stand the test of further verification fairly well. On the other hand, a generalization like the following may not stand up under further study: "Juvenile delinquency is caused by cruel parents."

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### GATHERING INFORMATION FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES.

Given a particular topic or question, the student will:

**Skill I:** Gather information on the topic or question from a variety of sources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Compare the information so gathered as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. Suppose you wish to find out what the people of Japan are like today, and especially how they have changed over the past 50 years. Which of the following would probably be the best way to do this?
  - \_\_\_ A well-known book about Japan would be a good source of information.
  - \_\_\_ An article from a recent magazine would be good.
  - \_\_\_ It would be good to talk to a person who had been to Japan for a week or so.
  - \_\_\_ It would be good to read at least two or three articles on Japan.
  - \_\_\_ It would be good to talk to people who had been to Japan and read as many books and articles as possible.

**Skill II:**

1. Read the following two paragraphs on Egypt:
  - A. The land of ancient Egypt was governed by a pharaoh. The pharaoh had complete control over his people. People considered the pharaohs to be gods. The pharaohs often got the country into war. We now often think of Ancient Egypt as a land of mummies and pyramids.
  - B. In Ancient Egypt, the bodies of the great pharaohs were often made into "mummies" and were buried in great pyramids. The pharaohs were like gods to the people. Egypt was a peaceful country, but the pharaoh expected the people to obey him in all matters.

The two paragraphs agree in each of the following ways except one. Check the way they seem to be in the greatest disagreement. (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ They both say that Egypt was governed by pharaohs.
- \_\_\_ They both say Egypt is known for its mummies.
- \_\_\_ They both say that Egypt built pyramids.
- \_\_\_ They both say that the pharaohs were considered to be gods.
- \_\_\_ They both say that Egypt was a warlike country.

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**Skill III:** Evaluate the reliability and authenticity of the sources of information as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## TAKING PART IN GROUPS DISCUSSIONS.

Given a group discussion situation, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in the discussion by:

**Skill I:** Presenting his own ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Demonstrating a willingness to expand and clarify his ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. Let us say you were asked to write a report about the major industries of Japan. Check the following sources of information that are most likely to give you the most accurate information:

- a neighbor lady
- a friend my own age
- a recent book about the development of Japan in recent times
- an article in the newspaper about Japan
- a person who has just spent a week in Japan
- stand on a street corner and ask at least 100 people who pass by about Japan.

2. The teacher might present the student with a question or topic and ask him to gather information on the question from as many different sources as possible. (Skill I) Stress should be placed not only on numbers of sources, but a variety of sources, such as books, magazines, newspapers, personal interviews, films and filmstrips, surveys, etc. The students then would be asked to compare the information they gathered. (Skill II) Then they would be asked to evaluate the various sources of information and discuss the question of why, in various situations and according to the question, some sources of information are superior to others. (Skill III) The teacher could evaluate each skill on the basis of: (I) the variety of sources each student used; (II) the extent to which he was able to identify similarities and differences in the information; and (III) the extent to which he was able to evaluate the quality of the various sources of information used by the students.

**Skills I, II, III, & IV:**

1. It would be well for a teacher to devise herself or locate an existing discussion analysis form. (For example, the Flander's Interaction Analysis Scale.) Then she could organize either a class or a small group discussion on a topic all participants are able to discuss. Either she or

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**Skill III:** Listening to others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Commenting on, paraphrasing and building on the ideas of others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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observers could use the discussion analysis form to keep track of which students: (I) were willing to say something; (II) were willing to expand and clarify an idea; (III) were willing to listen to others; and, (IV) were willing to comment on and build upon the ideas of others. Such a discussion analysis form could be used periodically throughout the year to determine the progress of students. Skill III (listening to others) might be difficult to determine through observation alone. In this case, following a discussion, the students could be asked to re-state some major ideas presented by certain participants. A child who could re-state an idea presented by Tom, Mary, Fred, and Sue, for example, could be considered a better listener than a child who couldn't remember anything said by those children.

2. The students could be shown a film of a group discussion, and perhaps they could also be supplied with a transcript of the discussion. Following the showing of the film and using the discussion transcript, the students could be given a set of questions, such as:
  - A. Which participants in the film seemed to be the most willing to present ideas? Which were the most unwilling?
  - B. Which students seemed to be the most willing to expand and clarify his ideas? Describe how he or she did this. Which students seemed to be the most unwilling to do this? Describe.
  - C. Which students seemed unwilling to listen to the others? Describe. Which students seemed willing to listen to others? Describe.
  - D. Which students seemed most willing to comment on and to build upon the ideas of others? Describe.

The same technique could be used by having some of the students in the class observe other students having a discussion. The discussion participants could either be asked to take part in an actual discussion or they could be asked to role-play various discussion behaviors.

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### TAKING PART IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.

Given a group activity situation and minimal adult supervision, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in an activity by:

**Skill I:** Helping to establish the purpose and/or nature of the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Taking part in the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### PROBLEM SOLVING.

Given a description of situations and/or events suggesting possible problems, either of an interpersonal or more broadly social nature, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify a possible problem or problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skills I & II:

1. The teacher could devise an observational technique to assist her in determining how well the students are able to plan and take part in a group activity. It would be well to determine specific criteria that she would use as a basis for evaluation. Such an observation technique could be used periodically throughout the year to gauge individual student progress. The important thing would be that the teacher make it a point in her plans for the year to define specific strategies to encourage the children to take part in group activities with some degree of independence.

2. Students could be asked to role-play an independent activity session, and other students could observe. Or a film could be shown that depicts a group of children in some activity. Following the role-playing situation or the showing of the film, the students could be asked to respond to such questions as:

Which children seemed the most helpful in planning the activity? Why?

Which children seemed the least helpful? Why?  
Which children seemed the most cooperative? Why?

Which children do you think contributed most to the activity? Why?

Which children seemed to be the leaders? The followers? Were there children that seemed neither to be good leaders nor good followers? Explain.

Skill I:

1. Below is a photograph of a city. By looking at this picture, you might guess that the city has

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some serious problems. List six problems that you can think of.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Through field testing this item with students of that age, a list of probable and acceptable responses could be compiled. Individual responses could be evaluated in terms of this "master list." However, unusual, though acceptable individual responses might be accepted as well. A variety of other kinds of pictures suggesting problems could be used.)

### 2. Read the following story:

Two boys, Ned and Tom, were the best of friends. One day they went fishing. They both caught a lot of fish. When they were done, they each put the fish they caught in a fishing basket to carry them home in. Each boy's basket was nearly full. On the way home they decided to rest under a tree. Tom fell asleep for a little while. Later they continued on home. When Tom got to his house, he opened his basket and noticed that some of his fish seemed to be gone. In fact, he thought he had only about half as many as he started out with.

*On the basis of what you were told in the story about Tom and Ned, which of the following would you consider problems that Tom must decide upon? (Check as many as you wish.)*

- \_\_\_ He must decide if he really does have fewer fish than he started out with—or does he just think he has fewer.
- \_\_\_ He must decide what to tell his mother about the fishing trip.
- \_\_\_ He must decide when he will go fishing again.
- \_\_\_ He must decide how to go about getting the fish he thinks are missing back.

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- He must decide how to approach Ned to ask him if he took the fish—or if he knows anything about what happened to them.
- He must decide if it is worth risking his friendship with Ned by approaching him with the question of the missing fish.
- He must decide when to fry the fish.
- He must decide if it's possible that Ned has been dishonest on other occasions too.
- He must decide whether to drop the matter or make an issue of it.
- He must decide where he will go ice fishing when winter comes.

(Note: Student will be expected to mark at least three of the most appropriate responses. Similar kinds of questions could be presented to students based upon the showing of a filmstrip or film, or listening to a tape.)

3. In dealing with almost any topic in the social studies, the teacher can ask the students to identify possible problems involved in situations. For example, the teacher could ask, "What problems do you think President Lincoln faced in fighting the Civil War?" "What problems do you think the settlers in Jamestown faced?" "What problems do you think were involved in building the pyramids?" "What problems did the Indians have as the white man moved west in larger numbers?" "What problems do you think the cities face?" "What problems do you think industry has in coping with pollution?" Such questions can be asked either before asking the students to read about a situation, or after they have read. By asking students to speculate about possible problems, students should become more attuned to the idea of identifying problems. The teacher can assess her students' ability to identify problems, then, by describing a given situation and asking them to individually write as many problems as they can think of involving that particular situation.

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**Skill II:** Suggest possible solutions to the problem or problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill II:**

1. In the photograph you looked at above, you were asked to identify at least six problems. Now choose one of the problems you listed and write it again on the blank space listed "problem." Then write in the space below at least three ways you think this particular problem might be solved or corrected.

Problem \_\_\_\_\_

How do I think this problem might be corrected or solved:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you can think of still other ways the problem could be corrected, list them below.

(Note: Again, through field-testing, a list of the most probable and acceptable responses could be listed, and the student's responses could be gauged against these. However, additional acceptable responses could be considered. Also, additional credit could be given to responses beyond the three required.)

2. Read again the story above about the two boys. Then read the following possible things that Tom could do. Which do you think would be the most reasonable way for him to handle the situation? (Check one.)

\_\_\_ He could go to Ned's house and accuse him of taking the fish and demand that he return them at once.

\_\_\_ He could decide to continue to act friendly toward Ned, but he could wait for a chance to get back at him in some way.

\_\_\_ He could decide that he would tell Ned that he thought some of his fish were missing and ask him if he knew anything about it. Maybe this way he could get a clue about what really happened.

\_\_\_ He could decide that he would ask Ned to go fishing again, and he could watch for a chance to steal some of his fish—and then he'd see how he liked it.

\_\_\_ He could decide that he would tell everyone that Ned stole his fish and wouldn't give them back. That way, everyone would know from then on that Ned shouldn't be trusted.

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Skill III: Suggest possible consequences of the proposed solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

3. Study the picture below. It shows a city that obviously has a severe problem with air pollution. (The picture might be an aerial view of a place like Gary, Indiana.) Which of the following do you think would be the most reasonable solution to the problem of pollution in that city? (Check one.)

- They should move the whole city to another location.
- They should immediately force the factories causing the pollution to close down.
- They should get the owners of the factories to find ways of controlling the pollution within a certain period of time.
- They should burn the factories down and start all over.
- They should talk to the owners of the factories and let them know that the people in the town don't like the pollution.

4. Social studies material supply ample opportunities for problem identification. (See #3 above under Skill I) It would be important for a teacher to encourage students to also speculate about solutions to problems. Similar to #3 above, in order to assess the student's ability to generate solutions to problems, she could ask them to list as many solutions as they can think of. If she has stressed problems, solving in discussions, each student should acquire an increasing skill in thinking of possible solutions.

Skill III:

1. Sometimes when a solution to a problem is introduced, that solution has unexpected results or consequences, as well as the desired effect. Consider again the photograph of the city above and the six problems you identified. Also, read again the three solutions you suggested for one of the problems.

Now write one of the solutions you suggested on the space below. List below that space at least two consequences of the solution that may or may not have been expected or foreseen.

Your suggested solution \_\_\_\_\_  
Two possible consequences (or results) of that solution.

- 1.
- 2.

List others, if you wish.

(Note: Evaluation procedures would be similar to the above.)

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2. Farmer Smith was having trouble with insects eating his crops. So the next year he decided to spray his crops. He hired a spraying agency, and they sprayed Smith's fields throughout the season. That year he did not lose any of his yield because of insects, so he kept spraying each year.

Some of the results of his spraying were good, some not so good. Of the following results, indicate those that you would consider "good" by marking them "G"; those not so good, "N".

- Smith managed not to lose any of his crops to insects after spraying.
- Smith was able to supply the people in his area with a crop that they needed and wanted.
- Smith was able to make more profit because he didn't lose his crops because of insects.
- Some of the people who lived near by became sick when the spray drifted into their homes.
- Smith's crops were healthier after spraying.
- Some of the crops themselves tended to become contaminated with the spray.
- The water supply in that area began to become infected with the insecticide.
- The birds in the area disappeared after the sprayings.

3. The same technique as described in #3 above in Skill I and II would apply similarly to this skill.

## FEELINGS, ATTITUDES AND VALUES

### A. Feelings

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the various feelings a person or persons involved in the event may have experienced, as measured in minimum criteria on an objectives referenced test.

**Skill I:**

1. In 1945 Vice-President Harry S. Truman was urgently called to the White House. The moment he arrived there he was shown into a room where he found Mrs. Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's wife, waiting for him. Mrs. Roosevelt, looking very sad, stepped forward and placed her hand on Mr. Truman's shoulder. She said, "Harry, the President is dead." In

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**Skill II:** Identify possible reasons for those inferred feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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that moment, Mr. Truman, the man who had said he did not want to be Vice-President, learned that he had become the President of the United States. Within an hour all of the world learned that Roosevelt had died and that the almost unknown man from Missouri was the new President.

Mr. Truman must have had many feelings at the moment he learned the news. On the basis of this description, which of the following feelings do you think were most likely to have experienced by him? (Check as many as you wish.)

- Sadness that the President was dead.
- Fear that he wouldn't be able to handle the great responsibility of the Presidency.
- Bitterness that Mrs. Roosevelt, rather than a Government official, should have been the one to give him the news.
- Sympathy for Mrs. Roosevelt.
- Disappointment that he would no longer be Vice-President.
- Excitement about the challenge that lay before him.
- Satisfaction that he was almost the first person in the country to learn the news.
- Relief that he would no longer have to carry the duties of the Vice-President.
- Overwhelmed that he was now the President of the United States.

**Skill II:**

1. Two countries were located next to each other. One country, the smaller of the two, was called Tanzard. The larger was called Rubosa. Although both countries were prosperous and peaceful, the people of Tanzard did not like Rubosa or its people. In fact, there was a great deal of ill will between the two peoples.

Mark the likely reason for this feeling.

- For years the people of Tanzard felt dominated and overshadowed by Rubosa. The bigger country seemed to like to have the most say in almost all matters.

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**Skill III:** Identify possible future behaviors that may occur because of those feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Relate those feelings to his own experiences as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- For years the two countries had argued over its common borders. There was one area of land in particular the people of Tazard always felt should be theirs.
- The two countries had been rivals for so many years, they could scarcely know where the poor feelings first came from. But the years of disputes added up to real hatred.
- All of the above could be reasons for the ill feelings.

**Skill III:**

1. In a certain village, the people treat the young boys very harshly. The boys are encouraged to fight among themselves, and they are taught to be kind or sympathetic is to be weak. When they turn 12 years of age, the boys go through a torture ceremony; and if they can manage not to show any sign of pain, they become respected adult men at that age.

On the basis of this description, what kind of men are the boys likely to become? (Check one.)

- Men who are deeply interested in the welfare and happiness of others.
- Men who are devoted to their families and are warm, devoted fathers and husbands.
- Men who engage in rough and dangerous sports and who like warfare with other villages.
- Men who lead lives of quiet contemplation and religious feeling.
- Men who become excellent artists, dancers, and musicians.

**Skill IV:**

1. Relating the feelings of others to one's self would need to be done within a particular classroom. For example, a teacher might present a description of an event involving persons. She might ask them, "Just how do you think the person (or persons) felt when . . . ?" (Skill I) Then, "Why do you think he (or they) felt that way?" (Skill II) "What do you think will happen because he (or they) feels that way?" (Skill III) Then "Has anything like this ever happened to you? How did you feel? Why? What happened?" (Skill IV). In all of these skills, diversity of responses is considered desirable. In evaluation, then, the teacher would use quantity and variety of response as important criteria.

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#### 3. Attitudes

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify attitudes the person or persons involved in the event may seem to have, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of these attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Mary's friends asked her to go out with them on a school night. Mary said she would like to go, but she would have to ask her father first. She thought he would say yes. But as it turned out, he said no, and Mary got very angry. She told her father that she hated him and was going to run away from home. But her father refused to change his mind. The next day Mary came to the breakfast table much quieted down. She was friendly toward her father—and everything seemed to be pleasant again. Later when she told her friends that her father wouldn't let her go out, she seemed almost proud—as if her father cared enough about her to not always let her have her own way.

What attitude toward her father does Mary seem to show? (Check one.)

- Her attitude seemed to be one of anger in this incident.
- Her attitude seemed to be one of respect for her father.
- Her attitude seemed to be one of indifference to her father.
- Her attitude seemed to be none of the above.
- Her attitude seemed to be at least two of the above.

### Skill II:

1. Frank does not like school. His attitude toward school, in fact, is completely negative. Of the following possible reasons for Frank's negative attitude toward school, which is the *least* likely one?
  - He doesn't enjoy what he is expected to do in his classes.
  - He finds the class work very difficult and gets low grades.
  - He would rather be working and earning money than sitting in school.
  - He doesn't see that what he is learning in school is important.
  - He read a story once about a boy who didn't like school.

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**Skill III:** Identify possible future behaviors which may occur because of these attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Relate these attitudes to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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### C. Values

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the values the person or persons involved in the event may hold, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. Let us say that Mary was placed in a certain kind of class in school that she liked very much. Indeed, it was her favorite class. She not only liked the material they studied in the class, but she liked the teacher as well.

Which of the following statements would you accept? (Check one.)

- Mary's attitude toward the class will probably help her to succeed in it.
- Mary's attitude toward the class will probably have little effect on how she does in it.
- Mary's attitude toward the class may actually contribute toward her doing very poorly in it.
- Mary's attitude toward the class is probably not sincere.
- Mary's attitude toward the class is very negative.

**Skill IV:**

1. In discussion of social science data and historical events, the teacher will stress the various attitudes that persons involved seemed to demonstrate. In order to make these data and events more vital, the teacher will also stress relating these to the student's own life through such questions as: "Has anything like this ever happened to you? "What were your attitudes? Why? What were the outcomes of those attitudes?"

**Skill I:**

1. In a certain country one can see large numbers of Holy Men. They pass their days in prayer and meditation. Often times they will spend weeks at a time seated in one spot thinking about their God and about their place in the whole universe. People in the countryside respect these Holy Men, who, they believe, live very close to God. They seldom speak, but when they do, they say many wise things.

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**Skill II:** Identify the possible sources of these values, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify possible future behaviors that may occur because of those values, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Which of the following do you think the Holy Men value or consider important? (Check as many as you wish.)

- quiet and peaceful places
- strong armies
- cars and motorcycles
- the world of nature
- political power and advancement
- world success and money
- simple clothing and food
- family and friends
- truth and goodness
- a non-materialistic philosophy of life
- communication with their God
- all forms of life, both animal and plant

**Skill II:**

1. We all "value" certain things, and what we value we call "values." Where do you think we learn or "get" our values? (Check one.)

- from our families
- from our friends
- from our religious beliefs
- from our society or culture
- from all of the above
- from three of the above
- from none of the above

**Skill III:**

1. A certain dictator came into power. He believed the people should obey him absolutely and that the most important thing was not individual freedom, but the advancement of the country itself. The nation itself was more important than the individuals in it.

As a result of this dictator's values, what do you think he would do while in power? (Check as many as you wish.)

- He will encourage great pride in the nation.
- He will build huge public monuments and memorials honoring men who have died in battle.
- He will encourage excellent newspapers.
- He will hold free elections.
- He will advocate schools where children learn to obey authority.

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**Skill IV:** Relate those values to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PERSONS

Given a description of some needs of both individuals and groups of individuals, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify existing services provided by various governments, business and labor groups, public and private organizations, and individuals that meet these needs, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ He will encourage artists, authors, and all forms of creative expression.
- \_\_\_ He will hold great public rallies and encourage parades on national holidays.
- \_\_\_ He will value peace.
- \_\_\_ He will build a large army.
- \_\_\_ He will encourage the person's right to privacy.

**Skill IV:**

1. In class discussions, the teacher will encourage students not only to listen to what others value, but also to express what they themselves value. Such techniques as the Values Examination and Clarification approach, the Sidney Simon techniques, and the Hilda Taba discussion strategies would be appropriate.

**Skill I:**

1. Sometimes we can meet our needs ourselves, as individuals. Sometimes, however, our needs must be met by various groups and organizations, including governmental agencies. Which of the following could be accomplished by individuals, and which of the following would need to be accomplished by a service organization? Mark those that could be accomplished by an individual "I." Mark those that would require a service organization "S."

- \_\_\_ writing a book or article.
- \_\_\_ planting a garden in one's back yard.
- \_\_\_ building a highway
- \_\_\_ going shopping
- \_\_\_ constructing a public park
- \_\_\_ painting a house
- \_\_\_ providing public schools
- \_\_\_ providing unemployment insurance
- \_\_\_ providing a hospital
- \_\_\_ building a path from your house to the garage

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Skill II: Identify why these needs must be met by various service organizations and agencies, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

2. Some things we need are available through *private* services. In other words, these services are offered by private individuals, usually on a profit basis.

Some things we need are available through *public* services. In other words, these services are offered by public organizations, like city, county, state, and the Federal governments. These services are paid for by the people (through taxes) and are offered on a non-profit basis.

Some things we need may be available through either public or private services.

Mark the following with an "A" for *Private*; "B" for *Public*; or "C" for either.

- \_\_\_ schools
- \_\_\_ water, light, and electricity
- \_\_\_ grocery stores
- \_\_\_ Social Security and Unemployment Compensation programs
- \_\_\_ highways
- \_\_\_ places where cars are repaired
- \_\_\_ National and State Parks
- \_\_\_ stores where you buy clothing

Skill II:

1. Sometimes services in this country are offered to people through governmental agencies. Which of the following would you say are the *best* reasons for services sometimes being provided by governments? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ Sometimes private groups stop offering services needed by people, so the government must step in and offer these services.
- \_\_\_ Sometimes new and unexpected needs arise among the people, and the government is the only place where these needs can be met.
- \_\_\_ Sometimes the governments want to become more powerful and increase their authority, so they want to increase their services.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### THE WORLD OF WORK

**Skill I:** Given a list of occupations, the student will place the occupations into appropriate occupational clusters, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- Sometimes the services needed by people are so expensive and are needed by so many people that only governments can adequately meet the needs.
- Sometimes governments need to raise more money, so they decide to do it by increasing the services offered to people.
- Sometimes it is more efficient for governments to provide services to people, especially when the services involve those needed by people throughout a city, throughout a state, or throughout the nation.
- Sometimes government employees do not have enough work, and so they must be employed in new service agencies.

2. Think of the various services that may be available to you and your parents. List these services. Now think where you can receive these services. List these too. Next, try to find out if these services are available through public agencies, through private organizations, or through both of these. Finally, decide why these services are either private or public or both?

### Skill I:

1. Someone has suggested that all of the occupations that people have can be grouped into 15 occupational clusters. These are listed below:
  1. Agriculture-Natural Resources
  2. Fine Arts-Humanities
  3. Communications and Media
  4. Construction
  5. Distribution & Marketing
  6. Health
  7. Marine Science
  8. Hospitality & Recreation
  9. Manufacturing
  10. Office & Business
  11. Personal Services
  12. Transportation
  13. Environmental Control
  14. Public Service
  15. Consumer & Homemaking

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**Skill II:** Given a description of a particular occupation or occupational cluster, the student will identify ways in which that occupation or occupational cluster is related to other occupations, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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Below are listed 10 jobs and occupations. In the blanks, write the number of the occupational cluster you think it belong in.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| ___ nurse          | ___ secretary    |
| ___ math teacher   | ___ hair dresser |
| ___ architect      | ___ farmer       |
| ___ waiter         | ___ plumber      |
| ___ factory worker | ___ truck driver |

2. Below are 20 jobs and occupations. These could be grouped into various clusters of jobs, so that each cluster contains jobs of a similar nature. In the spaces provided, form three job clusters. Think of a label for each cluster that explains why you grouped these jobs together.

Cluster I	Cluster II	Cluster III
Label _____	Label _____	Label _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Skill II:**

1. The main function of a hospital is to provide a central place where doctors can take care of their patients. However, many people who work in hospitals are not doctors. Name five workers, such as a nurse, who work in hospitals but are not doctors. Describe briefly what they do.

Name the Workers	Describe What They Do
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Still other workers who do not actually work in the hospital itself are needed to keep it going. Name five workers who worked *outside* of the hospital who are necessary to keep it going. Then tell why they are needed by the hospital.

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**Skill III:** Given a description of a particular occupation, the student will identify skills and competencies, as well as cognitive and affective factors, that relate to that occupation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

Name the Workers	Describe How They Are Needed by the Hospital
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

2. Which statement would you say is the one you would most agree with? (Check one.)

- Most jobs are not related to or dependent upon other jobs.
- Most people could carry on their jobs without depending upon people in other jobs.
- Some jobs are related to each other, but many jobs are not.
- Jobs are so similar that if you could hold one job, you could hold any other job as well.
- Almost every job is related to and dependent upon many other jobs.

**Skill III:**

1. A job description reads as follows:

**Typist:** Duties mainly include reading the names and addresses of people who send in license applications and typing these names and addresses on an official license application form. Would work with 10 other typists doing similar work.

Of the following abilities, which would be the most essential for this job? (Check four.)

- ability to work with others
- ability to type
- ability to read
- artistic ability
- mathematical ability
- ability to write well
- ability to take direction
- ability to handle children

2. Following is a paragraph that described a typical day in the life of a \_\_\_\_\_ (Any occupation) On the basis of this description and any other information you may have, list three qualifications that you think a person would have to have to do this job well:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Skill IV:** Given a description of a particular school activity or area of learning, either cognitive or affective, the student will identify the relationship between that activity or area of learning and possible vocational, avocational, or career pursuits, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill V:** Given a description of a particular occupation, the student will identify:  
(A) possible means of obtaining information about the nature of that occupation, and,  
(B) various approaches to and skills for applying for a job related to that occupation.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. Think of five things you have done or learned in the past several days in school. Then think of how each of these might be of use to you at some time in your life.\*

Things I Have Done or Learned at School	How These May Help Me at Some Time in the Future
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|----|----|
| 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. |
| 3. | 3. |
| 4. | 4. |
| 5. | 5. |

\*If, by chance, you can't think of things you have learned at school that you think will be useful to you, then list things you would like to have done or learned, and tell how you think they would help you at some future time.

**Skill V:**

1. If a person is considering a certain kind of a job and would like some information about it, which of the following would you suggest he do?

- \_\_\_ Go to the library and try to get a book or pamphlet about the kind of a job.
- \_\_\_ Talk to someone who has that kind of a job.
- \_\_\_ Visit a place where there are people doing that kind of work.
- \_\_\_ Talk to a job counselor who can give him information about how well he seems to be suited for that particular job.
- \_\_\_ All of the above would be good ways to find out about a job.

2. Have the student complete a job application form, apply for a job in a personal interview, and/or write a letter of application. Establish in advance (and share with the student) criteria for evaluating such procedures. Evaluate the form, interview, and/or letter on the basis of these criteria.

Also, it would be possible to present reproduction of job application letters and/or completed application forms. The student would be expected to identify ways in which the letters or the completed forms are either good or poor.

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### THE TRANSMITTANCE OF CULTURAL TRAITS FROM PERSON TO PERSON.

**Skill I:** Given a description of various social (cultural) behaviors, both individual and group, the student will identify the individuals or groups within that society or culture that may have affected those behaviors, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Johnny is ten years old. At mealtime he seldom says much. He mainly listens to his father and his mother talk. Sometimes he thinks of something that he would like to say, but it never really occurs to him to say it. He brother and sister also remain silent during meals. However, Johnny enjoys mealtime. For one thing, his mother and father often talk about interesting things, and Johnny enjoys listening. Also, his mother is a very good cook — so all in all, meals are very pleasant indeed.

What do you think is the most likely reason that Johnny does not talk at mealtime?

- \_\_\_ He read in a book once that children should not speak at mealtimes.
- \_\_\_ A boy in school told him that he heard it wasn't polite for children to talk with adults at mealtime.
- \_\_\_ There is no reason — he just prefers it that way.
- \_\_\_ He can never think of anything to say.
- \_\_\_ His parents have taught him that children should be seen, but not heard, at meals.

2. The children in this South Sea Island village are very happy and carefree. To the visitor from America the children may appear to be noisy and undisciplined, but no one ever seems to restrict them in any way. Although the children do go to school for a short while, for the most part they spend their time playing games, swimming, fishing, and dancing. They are extremely friendly and seldom does one hear them quarrelling. They are very talkative, even with strangers; and usually adults will stop talking in order to let the children speak.

Why do you think the children on the island behave in this way? (Check one)

- \_\_\_ The children learn to be this way from the earliest years at home.
- \_\_\_ The children learn to be this way by observing and being around other children.
- \_\_\_ The children learn to be this way because the older people in the village, including the village chief, seems to encourage them to be that way.

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**Skill II:** Given a list of statements concerning the transmittance of cultural traits, the student will identify those that are the more defensible from a social science standpoint, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ The children learn to be that way because that is the only way they have ever seen children behave.
- \_\_\_ The children learn to be that way because of all of the above reasons.
- \_\_\_ The children really don't learn to behave that way at all — that's just the way they are.

3. The teacher would do well to conduct a class discussion about the various behaviors that the children observe in the people around them. The teacher would encourage them to consider *why* people come to behave in these ways. The point would be that people behave in certain ways because their culture or sub-culture expects them to behave this way, and these expectations are transmitted through various people: parents, friends, clergymen, teachers, etc.

### Skill II:

1. The members of the Aku Paska village were very warlike. Boys were taught early to fight, even with other boys within the village. People there tended to suspicious of everyone, even of each other; and even the women were quick to fight. The Kara-Kuti people were just the opposite. They were friendly, trusting, and peaceful people. They did not even have the word "fight" in their language.

What is the most likely reason for the differences between the two people? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ People are just born different.
- \_\_\_ People are different in other countries.
- \_\_\_ The climate affects the way people are.
- \_\_\_ Individuals are influenced by the culture they are a part of.
- \_\_\_ Some people simply prefer fighting; some people prefer not to fight.

2. Social scientists have many ideas about how we "learn" human behavior and why human behavior varies from place to place and from culture to culture.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Indicate the statements below you think most social scientists would *agree* with by marking an "A". Indicate the ones you think most social scientists would *disagree* with by marking a "D".

- Parents (or the people who raise children) have a great effect on the way their children think and feel about things, especially when they are very young.
- A person's physical qualities (his height, the color of his eyes, his build, and so on) are mainly influenced by the culture he is a part of.
- Individuals are, in a way, products of the culture they are a part of.
- All people we come in contact with have an equal effect upon us.
- Often times within a particular culture one might also find individual groups of people that are different from each other. These smaller groups within a culture are called "sub-cultures."
- We learn certain cultural traits through our parents and other people we come in contact with.
- People are pretty much born what they are, and their environment (their surroundings) have very little effect upon them.
- Young people tend to be quite influenced in the way they think and feel about things by other young people.
- Very young children of two or three years of age are usually more influenced in the way they behave by persons within their homes, rather than by children outside their home.
- All the people within any particular culture are likely to think and feel about things in almost exactly the same way.
- "We are what we are partly because of the people we come in contact with."
- All people are part of some culture or other.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### ADAPTING BIOLOGICAL INHERITANCES TO THE ENVIRONMENT

**Skill I:** Given a description of a particular environment, the student will (A) identify ways in which man has adapted to that environment and (B) demonstrate an understanding that these adaptations have resulted in similarities and differences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. In a certain town, a high percentage of people worked in a mine. Almost everyone in the town depended upon the mine in some way or another. One day the owner of the mine announced that the mine was closing down permanently. All the men who worked in the mine would be out of work, and the people whose businesses depended upon the miners also would suffer.

All except one of the following statements suggest that when it is necessary, people may adapt to (and adjust to) new conditions. Mark the statement that does *not* suggest the idea of adaptation.

- Some of the men thought that they would get together and develop a ski hill on the outside of town. That way, skiers would be attracted to the town, and the people there could live on the "ski trade."
- Some people thought they would get other industries to come into the town to take the place of the mine.
- Some people thought they could find some new owners for the mine who would re-open it.
- Some people thought that the town could get along without the mine and that although there would be fewer jobs available with the mine closed and the town would get smaller, still, the town would survive.
- Some people said that mining was the only thing they could do and that the closing of the mine meant "the end of the town."

2. Below are five pictures that suggest how a person may adapt to his environment. Which of the pictures shows what you would consider the *best* adaptation?

Picture 1: A man in Alaska wandering about in the snow. He is inadequately dressed.

Picture 2: A man in the wilderness. He has tried to make a poor shelter out of a few leaves. It is raining.

Picture 3: A man lying dead in the forest.

Picture 4: A man in the desert. He is overdressed and sweating, etc.

Picture 5: An Eskimo building an igloo.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a list of statements concerning the effects of both heredity and environment on man, the student will identify those statements that are the more defensible from a social science standpoint, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## COMPARATIVE CULTURES

**Skill I:** Given a description of two cultures or sub-cultures, the student will identify: (A) some of the ways in which the two cultures or sub-cultures may differ and be alike; and (B) possible reasons for the similarities and differences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Following is a list of statements concerning the effect heredity and environment have on us. Mark the ones you think would be considered the most acceptable. Mark as many as you wish.

- \_\_\_ Man is a "product" both of heredity and environment.
- \_\_\_ Heredity is more important than environment.
- \_\_\_ Our height is mainly determined by heredity.
- \_\_\_ Our bodies are affected by our environment in some ways.
- \_\_\_ If an infant born in a primitive village were taken out of that village on the day of his birth and raised in an American city, he would still grow up to be more like the people of his native village.
- \_\_\_ If you could take an infant born 4,000 years ago and raise him in the modern world, he would be just as "modern" as anyone else.
- \_\_\_ Our environment has an effect on the way we act and the kind of persons we are.
- \_\_\_ Heredity is more important than environment in determining the kind of person we are — how we act, what we like, our personalities, etc.

**Skill I:**

1. The culture and way of living of a group of people who live in Central Africa is very different from the culture of a group of people who live near the Arctic Circle. These two groups of people seem to differ in almost every way. However, as different as they are, they are alike in some ways too.

Following are some statements that you will make true or false on the basis of whether or not they reflect how the two groups are alike or how they are different.

- \_\_\_ Both groups of people must find or raise food to survive.
- \_\_\_ Both groups of people probably enjoy the same kinds of food and prepare these foods in similar ways.

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- Both groups of people probably practice the same kinds of child-raising practices.
- Both groups of people probably have some kind of religious customs.
- Both groups of people probably have some kind of way that they move their young people into adulthood.
- Both groups of people probably have some way of expressing themselves in some art or craft form.
- Both groups of people probably have similar religious customs and observances.
- Both groups of people probably choose the leaders or officials in the same way.

2. Two groups of people are very different. The one group is highly suspicious of anyone who is not a part of their group. In fact, they are downright hostile to all strangers. Young people in the group are sheltered from outside influences, and in their education they learn only enough to get along within the group — no more.

The people in the other group are open and friendly. People who come to the group are quite easily accepted. In their education, children learn about how people in other places live, and many times young people will go and live in the places they have heard about. But oftentimes they decide to come back home again.

Which of the following is the *least* likely explanation of why these two groups of people are so different? (Check one.)

- The people in the first group may live in a remote, inaccessible place, while the people in the second group may live in a place where they have close neighbors and people from other places coming and going all the time.
- The people in the first group probably have suspicions and hostility born into them at birth, while the people in the second place are born friendly.
- The people in the first place have been attacked many times by their neighbors and have come to be suspicious, while the people in the second place have been on friendly terms with others almost throughout their history.
- The cultural backgrounds of the two groups are very different, so that the culture of the first group has tended to encourage hostility, while the culture of the second group has tended to encourage acceptance and friendliness.
- All of the above would be good explanations of why these people are different.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 4-6

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a description of a pluralistic society, the student will identify: (A) some of the groups, particularly ethnic, racial, and religious groups, that are a part of that society; and (B) how the various groups are alike and different, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a description of some of the groups, particularly ethnic, racial, and religious groups, that may be a part of a pluralistic society, the student will identify: (A) the role such groups have played in that society; (B) some problems of prejudice and discrimination that may exist in terms of these groups; and (C) some possible means of overcoming problems of prejudice and discrimination, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill II:

1. All of the following statements except one could describe a pluralistic society. Check the one that does not.
  - \_\_\_ A society that allows for many different customs, styles of life, and ways of behaving.
  - \_\_\_ A society that is probably made of many different racial and ethnic groups and people with many different backgrounds.
  - \_\_\_ A society such as the American one.
  - \_\_\_ A society that encourages one way of living for all of the people, so that everyone follows pretty much the same kind of customs.
  - \_\_\_ A society that allows people to lead the kind of life that they please, as long as it does not interfere with the well-being of others.
2. Can you think of, various racial and ethnic groups that are a part of your community? List them. Or read about another country (or society or community) and list the various racial and/or ethnic groups that may make up that country. How are these groups alike and different?

### Skill III:

1. Many different racial and ethnic groups have come to this country. In fact, the only truly "native American" is the Indian. All others came from other countries.

The various racial groups, ethnic groups, and nationalities that have come to this country have played an important role in making this country what it has become. Check one of the following which best suggests the role these people have played. (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ They have contributed a great deal to the arts and sciences in this country.
- \_\_\_ They have enriched and contributed to almost all aspects of American life.
- \_\_\_ They have brought many ideas and customs from their native lands to the United States.
- \_\_\_ All of the above would be true.
- \_\_\_ Two of the above would be true.

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2. Sometimes when people came to the United States from other countries they were discriminated against because of their race or nationality. Which of the following were ways that these people were sometimes discriminated against?

\_\_\_ They were sometimes not hired for certain jobs because of their race or nationality.

\_\_\_ They sometimes were not allowed to join certain clubs and organizations.

\_\_\_ They sometimes were not promoted to higher jobs, and when people had to be fired, they were the first ones to be fired.

\_\_\_ They sometimes found it difficult to buy homes in certain parts of the city, even if they could afford to do so.

\_\_\_ All of the above were sometimes true.

\_\_\_ Three of the above were sometimes true.

3. In a certain city one group of people made up a small part of the population. Which of the following might be ways to end the discrimination in that city against that group of people? (Check one.)

\_\_\_ An educational program could be started for the children in the schools so that they might learn to accept and understand the people.

\_\_\_ The courts in the city could make judgments to protect the rights of the people who were being discriminated against.

\_\_\_ Laws could be passed to make it against the law to discriminate against people.

\_\_\_ TV, radio, and newspaper stories about the people could appear, so that more people could learn to understand and accept them.

\_\_\_ The two groups of people could get into discussion groups and discuss their differences, and gradually they might get to understand and accept each other.

\_\_\_ All of the above might help to end discrimination.

4. Read a book, such as *Souder. All-of-a-Kind Family.* or *Aunt America.* (Each of these books are written on about a 6th grade reading level. One is about Blacks, one is about a Jewish family in New York, and one is about Polish people in America. All are novels.) On the basis of the books, discuss the problems of prejudice and discrimination that these books suggest. How did the characters deal with this? What did they do about it? What would you have done? Is the situation in this book like anything you have ever experienced or seen?

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### THE CONCEPT OF CHANGE

Given a description of an individual, a group of individuals, or an institution or government that has changed or is in need of change, the student:

**Skill I:** Will identify those conditions and/or events that may bring about the need for change, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Will identify the characteristics of that individual, group, institution, or government that may make changes either possible or very difficult, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Of the following, which events are more likely to make people want to change their government? (Check as many as you wish.)

People are more likely to want to change their government when:

- \_\_\_ they are in the midst of a terrible depression, and unemployment is high.
- \_\_\_ they are in a period of "good times," and nearly everyone has a job.
- \_\_\_ there is a great scandal in the government, and massive corruption and dishonesty has been revealed.
- \_\_\_ the government is known to be efficient and honest.
- \_\_\_ they have recently been attacked by another country and are successfully waging a war.
- \_\_\_ they have just come through many years of rapid change, and now things have quieted down.
- \_\_\_ they have an unpopular leader who, though honest, moves too fast for the people.

### Skill II:

1. In a certain country a flood came and practically wiped out a number of cities. One of the heavily damaged cities was Elmsville; another was Oakville. Below are descriptions of these two cities. Read them carefully.

Before the flood, Elmsville:

- a. was a busy industrial town with many skilled workers.
- b. had adjusted to many changing conditions over the years.
- c. was considered a wealthy community with a firm "tax base."
- d. had a local government that was widely supported by the people.
- e. had a lot of community spirit.
- f. had an excellent department store filled with a variety of luxurious merchandise.
- g. was known for its lovely elm trees.

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**Skill III:** Will identify how the changes may be effected, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Will identify possible consequences of various changes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Before the flood, Oakville:

- a. was mainly a retirement community.
- b. was a very traditional town, little affected by change over the years.
- c. was a rather poor community with a slender "tax base."
- d. had a government that was generally not supported by the people.
- e. had trouble getting various groups to cooperate.
- f. was well-known as the birthplace of one of the U.S. Presidents.
- g. had an excellent football team.

Which of the two towns would you say is the more likely to recover the better from the flood? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the two factors listed about Elmsville seem to be *least* important in their recovery from the flood? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Which of the two factors listed about Oakville seem to be *least* important in their recovery from the flood? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Skill III:**

1. The American political system does not have political or military revolutions to change it because:

- \_\_\_\_\_ our military system is strong enough to prevent a revolution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ there is no need to change governments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ no change is permitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Constitution forbids change.
- \_\_\_\_\_ change is allowed through elections every four years.

**Skill IV:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ country was controlled by a powerful king who thought very little about the people of the country. The poor got poorer; the rich got richer. Finally, the king was overthrown and killed by revolutionaries. The people took over!

Which of the following do you think occurred immediately after the overthrow of the king? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ The poor people immediately began to improve their conditions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peace and order were established.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The people asked the dead king's brother to take over the throne.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The people all agreed to establish a democratic government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Disorder and confusion occurred.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### **BASIC CONCEPTS OF HISTORY, INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF CHRONOLOGY, MULTIPLE CAUSE AND EFFECT, AND HISTORIOGRAPHY.**

**Skill I:** Given a list of familiar events, either recent or historical, the student will place these events in chronological order, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a certain event, either recent or historical, the student will identify several causes and several effects, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Place the following historical eras in correct chronological order: (Number the earliest "1", and the latest "6".)

- \_\_\_ prehistoric times (dinosaurs, cavemen)
- \_\_\_ ancient times (the ancient Greeks & Romans)
- \_\_\_ colonial times (George Washington)
- \_\_\_ current times (moon exploration)
- \_\_\_ recent times (World Wars I & II)
- \_\_\_ Medieval times (knights and crusaders)

2. Think of six events or times in history (including recent history, if you wish) that you know about. Write the events in the order they occurred.

1st event \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd event \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd event \_\_\_\_\_  
4th event \_\_\_\_\_  
5th event \_\_\_\_\_  
6th event \_\_\_\_\_

### Skill II:

1. Do you think that most historical events are caused by:

- \_\_\_ one cause
- \_\_\_ two causes
- \_\_\_ three causes
- \_\_\_ a number of causes
- \_\_\_ no cause — events usually "just happen."

2. What would probably be the best explanation of why the Civil War occurred?

- \_\_\_ The Civil War was caused by Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- \_\_\_ The Civil War was caused by slavery.
- \_\_\_ The Civil War did not have any particular cause.
- \_\_\_ The Civil War was caused by a number of complex factors.
- \_\_\_ The Civil War was caused by two separate events.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given an account of an event or era, either recent or historical, the student will identify the possible values, biases, and viewpoints of the author of the account, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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3. Which of the following statements about the effects of the Crusades would you say is the best?
- The Crusades resulted in one thing — they returned Jerusalem to the Christians.
  - The Crusades had little, if any effect on history.
  - The Crusades failed in their real purpose, but in the long run they had many effects on history.
  - The Crusades, which were an attempt to return Jerusalem to the Christians, were fought in 1298.
  - The Crusades, which pitted the Christians against the Moslems, were caused by many factors.
4. The teacher might lead the children in a discussion of "Teen-Age Values." Open, yet focussed, questions could include: (A) "What do you think of teen-agers values today?", (B) "What has caused them to value these things?", (C) "What is the result of teen-agers' valuing these things?". Emphasis in the discussion would be on a diversity of causes and effects.

**Skill III:**

1. Below are two pictures of a Japanese soldier from World War II. One is drawn by an American artist of the time, one by a Japanese artist. Write the appropriate letter under each: (A) Drawn by a Japanese artist, (B) Drawn by an American artist.



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2. Below are three paragraphs about the American Revolutionary War. One was written by an American historian; one by an English historian; one by an historian who is neither English nor American. Place the correct letters in the blanks by the paragraphs.

- (A) By an American historian
- (B) By an English historian
- (C) By an historian neither English nor American

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3. Below are five paragraphs describing the Battle of Gettysburg. One was written by a Southern soldier who was in the battle. A second was written by a Northern soldier who was in the battle. A third was written by a recent historian who is slightly biased in favor of the South. A fourth was written by a recent historian slightly biased in favor of the North. A fifth was written by a recent historian from another country. Place the correct letters in the blanks by the paragraphs.

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4. Have the students observe an event, and then have each write an account of the event. Disparities in the accounts could then be identified.
5. Have the students read an account of an event, either current or historical. Then present them with a list of values that the author may or may not reveal in the account. The students could then indicate those values the author seems to reveal and discuss their opinions.

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### THE NATURE OF RULES AND LAWS.

Skill I: Given a rule or law, a student will identify: (A) how that rule or law contributes to the well-being of individuals and society in general; (B) in what ways the rule or law might be changed to improve it; and, (C) what the consequences of such changes might be, as measured by minimum criteria on an objective, referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Which of the following do you think is the best reason for laws? (Check one.)
  - Laws allow for a government to manipulate the people the way it wants to.
  - Laws allow for the wealthy and powerful to control the poor and rebellious.
  - Laws allow for a government to be formed.
  - Laws allow for the criminals to be punished.
  - Laws allow for the protection of the people.
2. In the United States, laws are changed when:
  - the army wants them to change.
  - an individual citizen wants them changed.
  - the Government is overthrown.
  - the Constitution is re-written.
  - the Congress decides to do so.
3. Which of the following do you think is the *poorest* reason for speed laws?
  - They protect the driver of a car.
  - They protect the people in other cars.
  - They protect pedestrians.
  - They define for policemen what maximum speeds in a particular area should be.
  - They allow for communities to make money from fines paid by speeding drivers.
4. When the law was changed so that 18-year-olds could vote (before, you had to be 21), what do you think were some of the *results* of this change of law? Mark those that you think might have been results. Check as many as you wish.
  - People running for office began to talk more about "programs for the young."
  - In cities where colleges and universities were located, more young candidates began to run for office.
  - The crime rate started to go up.
  - Young people tended to take more interest in politics and local and national affairs.
  - Student interest in civics and government classes began to go down.
  - Candidates began to try "looking younger;" some began wearing toupees.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a description of the changing needs and values of a group or of a society, the student will identify how the rules and laws of that group or society change to accommodate the new needs and values, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- \_\_\_ The average age of people who got elected to office tended to go down.
- \_\_\_ More candidates over 60 years of age began to run for and be elected to office.
- \_\_\_ More young people began to attend political rallies and conventions.

5. Have a class discussion on such a topic as, "What would happen if all school rules were abolished?" The leader might ask, "What would be the immediate results?" Then, "What would happen as time went on?", "Who would benefit?", "Who would lose?", "Would rules eventually be re-established?", etc.

### Skill II:

1. Several years ago, many people in this country became more interested in individual rights. These people said some Americans were being denied their rights as citizens. The people who said this brought about what has been called the "Civil Rights Revolution."

Following are some laws. Which one do you think would probably *not* have grown out of the Civil Rights Revolution? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ A law that says when people are arrested, they must be informed of their rights under the law.
- \_\_\_ A law that says that if people cannot afford a lawyer when arrested, the state will provide one.
- \_\_\_ A law that says that public agencies may not discriminate against people on the basis of race, color, or creed.
- \_\_\_ A law that says that scholarships will be made available to help poor young people.
- \_\_\_ A law that says the sales tax rate will be raised from 1% to 2% per dollar.

2. After the students had studied another historical era, such as the Medieval Ages, the teacher could ask the students to discuss or write a paper on the subject, "How are the laws of today different from the laws of then? Why is this so?"

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**Skill III:** Given a description of a particular social system, the student will identify those groups or forces within that system that affect its rules and laws, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## ECONOMIC CHOICES DERIVE FROM VALUES AND AFFECT POLICY.

**Skill I:** Given a description of a country's resources, and also given a description of the needs of that country, the student will identify what seems to be important to that nation on the basis of the needs it chooses to meet with its resources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill III:

1. In a certain country a caste system existed. Check the one caste that you think would have had *least* to do with making the laws in that country.
  - The highest caste was called the Brahmin Caste.
  - The next caste was the soldiers.
  - The next caste was the priests.
  - The next caste was the business men and merchants.
  - The lowest caste were very poor and the people in the other castes would not associate with them.
2. A highway was to be build through a certain city. In order to build the highway, a certain section of the city had to be torn down. Which section of the city do you think would be torn down to make way for the new highway? (Check one.)
  - An area where wealthy people live.
  - An area where people with average incomes live.
  - An area where the industry of the town is located.
  - The suburban shopping area.
  - An area where the poor live.
3. The students could discuss what groups in the community, school, or nation must affect changes in rules and laws, and why some groups have more effect on change than others.

### Skill I:

1. Following is a descripton of two countries:

Country X: This country has been at peace for many years and has turned its attention to creative activities. Although other countries have been in and out of war during the past 50 years, Country X has remained neutral and out of danger. The country places great stress on the education of the young.

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Country Z: This country has been invaded twice in the past 50 years and is determined not to be invaded again. It is a highly industrial country. It feels that if the country is to be strong, not only must its army be strong, but its individual citizens must be healthy.

Which country is most likely to have prepared the following national budget? Country X \_\_\_\_\_

Country Z \_\_\_\_\_

One hundred billion dollars for national defense.

One million for arts and humanities.

Two million for scholarships for young people.

One billion for health programs.

Five billion for technological development.

2. In ancient Egypt, many people were held in slavery, and almost all young men served in the army. The pharaoh (king) was in absolute control of the country and was considered a god. He was mostly concerned about fighting wars and building tombs for himself and his family.

Check the following things that you think the pharaoh would have spent the most money on. (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ the education of the people
- \_\_\_ a strong army
- \_\_\_ large palaces for himself
- \_\_\_ housing developments for the people
- \_\_\_ charity for the poor
- \_\_\_ hospitals and homes for the aged
- \_\_\_ large temples for religious worship

**Skill II:** Given a description of a salable thing, the student will identify factors that affect its value, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:**

1. Below are some pairs of pictures. Draw a circle around one of the pictures in each pair that you think would be worth more than the other.
  - A. A picture of one house.  
A picture of many houses.
  - B. A picture of a house with one buyer.  
A picture of a house with three buyers.
  - C. A picture of a run-down house.  
A picture of a neat house.
  - D. A picture of a house next to a railroad track.  
A picture of a house on a quiet street.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a description of consumer actions and/or choices, the student will identify ways these actions and/or choices may affect the producer's product, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### MAN'S USE AND MISUSE OF HIS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

**Skill I:** Given an illustration or a verbal description of the natural environment, the student will identify how man's basic needs have been met through the use or manipulation of the environment, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill III:

1. If you bought a poor product, which of the following would you say would be the *most* effective and the *least* effective way to get the company who made the product to improve it?
  - \_\_\_ Call the store where you bought it and make your gripe known.
  - \_\_\_ Write an angry letter to the company and tell them you will never buy their products again.
  - \_\_\_ Write a letter to the company explaining why you did not like their product
  - \_\_\_ Organize a group of persons who have been dissatisfied with the same product and list your complaints with the company itself and the Better Business Bureau.
  - \_\_\_ Throw the product away and promise yourself you'll never buy from that company again.
  - \_\_\_ Find several other people who have bought the product and get them all to agree not to buy any more products made by that company.

### Skill I:

1. The Eskimos are a good example of how people have directly used their natural environment to meet their basic needs. Check *one* of the following statements that does *not* support this idea.
  - \_\_\_ The Eskimos used the ice and snow of the region to built igloos.
  - \_\_\_ The Eskimos hunted the seal to use for meat and cooking oil.
  - \_\_\_ The Eskimos made clothing out of the furs and skins of animals they captured.
  - \_\_\_ The Eskimos greatly improved their transportation when they began to use imported snowmobiles.
2. Early man, such as so-called "cavemen," managed to survive on the basis of what they were able to use in their natural environment. Which of the following does *not* support this idea.
  - \_\_\_ Stones and sticks could be used for weapons.
  - \_\_\_ Sticks and larger pieces of wood could be used for fuel.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 4-6

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given an illustration or a verbal description of man's use or manipulation of the natural environment, the student will identify possible consequences, both positive and negative, of that use or manipulation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- Wood could be used to build rough shelters.
  - Animals could be captured and eaten.
  - Fruit could be found on trees.
  - Steel could be obtained from near-by manufacturing plants.
3. Man has sometimes changed or manipulated nature so he can produce more food. Which of the following statements does *not* support this idea?
- The richness of the soil has been increased through the use of fertilizers.
  - The quality of the seed has been improved.
  - Lands have been irrigated, so that even very dry land can yield crops.
  - Insecticides have been used to control insects and pests.
  - More farmers are now needed to grow more crops.

## Skill II:

1. When a farmer uses insecticides to keep insects from damaging his crops, the results may be both favorable and unfavorable. Indicate whether each of the following is mainly: (A) Favorable, or (B) Unfavorable.
- The crops may be healthier.
  - The stronger insects may survive the insecticides and their young may be born immune to future spraying (will not be harmed by it.)
  - The insecticides may pollute the soil.
  - The farmer's total yield may be increased.
  - The crops, such as fruit, may look better because they will be free of insect marks.
  - The water in the area may be polluted.
2. A certain desert country in the Middle East was very poor until the U.S. Oil Company discovered oil there and began to produce large quantities of oil. Indicate what might be considered (A) Favorable, or (B) Unfavorable results of the U.S. Oil Company's activities in the country.
- More jobs become available to the people of the country.
  - The world's supply of oil was increased.
  - The country's government came to be more and more dominated by U.S. Oil.

# 4-6 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### MAP AND GLOBE READING SKILLS.

**Skill I:** Given his local neighborhood, his school, and/or a classroom, the student will construct a simple map of that neighborhood, school, and/or classroom, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a variety of common maps, the student will identify by name the types and/or varieties, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ What came to be the country's major industry was owned by a foreign company - U.S. Oil.
- \_\_\_ U.S. Oil spent a great deal of money in the country to help the people there, such as building new housing projects and universities.
- \_\_\_ Most of the profit from the oil went to U.S. Oil rather than the country.
- \_\_\_ In working for U.S. Oil, many people of the country became highly skilled.

### Skill I:

1. Below is a photograph (or drawing) of a classroom. Look at the photograph carefully.



Now look at the three "maps" of classrooms below. Which of the three classroom "maps" seems to be a map of the classroom in the picture?

A.



B.



C.



2. The block your home is located on probably has other homes on it too, and perhaps some vacant lots, maybe some stores, and so forth. Make a map showing the various things that are located on your block. Here is an example:



You will have a week to complete your map.

### Skill II:

1. A. Transportation map
  - B. Political map
  - C. Atlas
  - D. Physical map
- \_\_\_ a road map
  - \_\_\_ a book of maps
  - \_\_\_ shows mainly the roughness of the earth's surface
  - \_\_\_ shows mainly the boundaries of countries
  - \_\_\_ a railroad map
  - \_\_\_ often shows countries in different colors

# SOCIAL STUDIES 4-6

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a map and/or a globe, the student will interpret it by use of the key, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Given a map and/or a globe, the student will make observations and judgments as to how the geographic conditions of a certain area might affect the lives of the people who live there, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- often shows elevation above sea level by different colors
- colors are often used to indicate annual rainfall and average temperatures

**Skill III:**

1. Below is a map and a key:



On the basis of this map and key, answer the following questions:

What is the approximate distance between Elmvile and Oakville? (Check one.)

- 5 miles
- 50 miles
- 500 miles
- 1000 miles
- 5000 miles

The area around Black Bay apparently is:

- desert above sea level
- swamp below sea level
- at sea level
- mountainous
- desert at sea level

The approximate population of Elmvile is:

- less than 500
- approximately 5000
- approximately 20,000
- approximately 100,000
- over a million

**Skill IV:**

1. Below is a section of a map. Various points are indicated.



Place the letters in the appropriate blanks.

- at this point the people probably do a great deal of fishing
- at this point people probably farm
- at this point probably very few people live because of the high mountains
- at this point people probably have to irrigate if they want to raise crops
- at this point there is probably a great deal of shipping

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# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### EXPLORING ONE'S OWN VALUES.

Skill I: Given a list of values, the student will identify which of these values he deems important to himself, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

Evaluating the attainment of objectives in the area of values is an extremely difficult task, particularly when the objective relates to the student's own values. Obviously, the schools should not indoctrinate students in certain values. However, teachers can and should encourage students to explore and examine values. This process of exploring values in the Socratic sense is a legitimate purview of the social studies curriculum. It needs to be stressed again, though, that the values objectives contained here have to do with *value inquiry* — *not value indoctrination*.

If one reads the objective under Skill I carefully, he will note that the student is simply being asked to identify those values he believes are important to him. There clearly is no right or wrong answer; he is free to choose whatever values he considers important to himself.

An item such as the following, then, is very similar to the Sidney Simon "value voting" technique, in which the discussion leader lists various statements that relate to values and simply asks the students to indicate whether or not they agree with the statements. The purpose is not to suggest to students that they must hold certain values. Rather, just the opposite, it is to suggest that in a pluralistic society people have a right to hold various values. And by asking the students to think about what they believe in, we are suggesting to them that one should indeed give some thought to one's own belief system.

The following item, therefore, is designed from this point of view:

1. Below is a list of things people may value. Please check the ten you think *you* value most highly. There are, of course, no "right or wrong" answers.

- \_\_\_ Family happiness
- \_\_\_ Acceptance by friends
- \_\_\_ A secure job
- \_\_\_ World peace and harmony
- \_\_\_ Religious fulfillment
- \_\_\_ Social order and justice
- \_\_\_ Pleasure and fun
- \_\_\_ Expensive cars
- \_\_\_ Development of one's talents
- \_\_\_ Aesthetic achievements (in the arts)

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a description of a person or persons who exemplify various value systems the student will identify which values or which persons he most identifies with, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a recognized values instrument, complete the instrument and discuss the results, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ Success in college
- \_\_\_ Achievement of personal power
- \_\_\_ Discovery of "Truth and Wisdom"
- \_\_\_ Travel
- \_\_\_ Good grades
- \_\_\_ A beautiful home
- \_\_\_ Financial success
- \_\_\_ Developing one's own standards of right and wrong
- \_\_\_ Fame and fortune
- \_\_\_ Freedom to do one's own thing

### Skill I:

1. Read about several famous people. Make a list of the values that you think that person's life exemplifies. Share your lists with others in your group. Which of the persons would you say you would most admire? Why?
2. Below are some brief descriptions of some students about your own age. Which of these students would you most admire?  
(Note: Descriptions could be drawn from such works as Mallery's "High School Students Speak Out" or Drews' study of various types of adolescents — the Social Leader, the Studious, the Creative-Intellectual, and the Rebel.)

### Skill III:

1. A number of values instruments are available that would be provocative for the students to take and discuss. One of the best known of these instruments is the Allport-Vernon-Lindzey "Study of Values." The student is asked to respond to a number of questions, and on the basis of his answers, the scale indicates whether he seems to be inclined toward the following values: the Theoretical, the Economic, the Aesthetic, the Social, the Political or the Religious. If the student took such a "test" as this, it would be important for him to discuss the results.

In order to achieve this objective, the teacher may wish to consult with the school counselor, who will undoubtedly be able to give him additional information and ideas about various values instruments that are available. The point of this process should be kept clearly in mind — it is a means of getting students to think about and explore their *own* value systems.

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**Skill IV:** Placed in a values-clarification or values-examination discussion group, the student will take part in the discussion and will make a minimum of one response, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill V:** Given a list of values that the student has made concerning his own values, the student will group those values into "clusters," as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. The Department of Education has issued several publications concerning the values examination (or values clarification) approach. These would be useful publications for the teacher to use as a guide to her discussion techniques with students.
2. The Hilda Taba Discussion strategies, particularly the strategy dealing with analysis of values, would be useful in this area. A number of intermediate and local school districts throughout Michigan offer training to teachers in learning the Taba discussion strategies.
3. The Sidney Simon values clarification approaches are very useful. Simon's ideas are available in his books and through inservice workshops.
4. In all of the above, a criteria for accomplishment could be the student's willingness to respond at least once in a discussion — or the teacher could establish whatever criterion for achievement of the objective she chose. The important point in all of these is that the teacher conducts the discussion in a non-judgmental way, encouraging the students to present their own ideas.

**Skill V:**

1. Make a list of things you think you yourself may value. Think of as many as you can. After you have done this, group these values into various categories you may be able to think of. Label each category. Perhaps you would like to compare your categories of values with the categories other people in this area have thought of.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 7-9

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### EXPLORING THE VALUES OF OTHERS.

**Skill I:** Given a description of a group of people, either mythical or real, the student will identify the values probably held by those people, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of the behavior of a particular person, either historical or contemporary, mythical or real, the student will identify values probably held by that person, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. The people lived in a city located on a broad plain. Since a defense of city was difficult in that location, the people had established a very strong army. Boys were taught early to fight, and to die in battle was a great honor. The greatest honor for a woman was to raise a son who would be a brave soldier. A woman whose son died in battle was the most respected of women.

Which of the following values was *least* likely to be held by these people?

- A. Love of state
- B. Respect for physical ability and skill
- C. Respect for individual rights
- D. Love of myths that stress heroism
- E. Love of mass rallies celebrating national holidays

2. Read a book, such as "Loonfeather," about a particular group of indians before their lives were disrupted by the coming of the white man. Make a list of the values that the indians seemed to hold. What behaviors suggest to you that they held those values? Read about other groups of indians as well. In what ways do the values apparently held by these various indian groups seem to be alike and to differ?

This approach could be used in terms of any group of persons.

### Skill II:

1. After the first World War, President Woodrow Wilson conceived the idea of an organization made up of many nations and dedicated to the idea of maintaining peace. The organization that evolved was called the League of Nations. However, after the organization had been set up, the United States refused to join, although perhaps they might have if Wilson had been willing to compromise on some points. Wilson died a disappointed and bitter man, but he never lost his belief in the League.

Choose from the following list those items that you think Wilson valued:

- A. peace
- B. strong militarism

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- C. the spirit of compromise
- D. idealism
- E. strong convictions
- F. "military might makes right"
- G. internationalism
- H. personal power

(Of A, D, E, and G, the student will choose at least two.)

2. Show the Learning Corporation of America film: "A Matter of Conscience: Henry VIII and Thomas More." After showing the film, present the student with a list of values apparently held by these two men. Mark those apparently held by Henry VIII with an "H"; those held by More with an "M". Some of the values may not be marked at all, some for both men, if you should choose to do so.

- \_\_\_ strong belief in God
- \_\_\_ desire for power
- \_\_\_ honesty with self
- \_\_\_ clear conscience
- \_\_\_ self-indulgence
- \_\_\_ belief in the laws of the church
- \_\_\_ pride in one's self
- \_\_\_ love of material wealth and possessions
- \_\_\_ loyalty to friends
- \_\_\_ love of travel
- \_\_\_ belief in "power to the people"
- \_\_\_ love of beautiful clothing

3. Any person under consideration in the classroom could be used for this objective, particularly a historical person. The teacher would ask the question, "What values did this person seem to hold on the basis of what we know about this situation?" Students should always tell *why* they think a person held the value. Such stress on the values held by others and why they held these values should sensitize students to value system and will tend to personalize the study of the past.

**Skill III:** Given a national policy statement, either mythical or real, or a philosophical stance, the student will identify possible outcomes of the values embedded in that statement or stance, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:**

1. Many people say they believe in "the dignity and worth of the individual." People who believe this hold every individual important and of value.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Below is a list of some behaviors. Which of these behaviors would you say seem to be consistent with the idea of the dignity and worth of individuals? (Check as many as you wish.)

- Revises his own opinions when the opinions of others are supported by factual evidence
- Puts others in embarrassing or humiliating positions
- Insists on his own point of view
- Interrupts others because he is right
- Makes statements in support of others no matter what their social status
- Encourages others to offer their opinions
- Monopolizes the conversation with his arguments
- Waits until others give their opinion and have finished before speaking himself
- Is more conscious of the words used so not to hurt others because of their race or creed
- Listens to what others have to say even though not interested or in agreement

2. An idea in early America was Manifest Destiny. People who believed in this idea thought that once Westward expansion began America *would* eventually reach as far as the Pacific Ocean.

On the basis of this idea, which of the following would you say was consistent with Manifest Destiny? (Check one.)

- America should *not* win the Revolutionary War.
- The U.S. should engage in the Civil War.
- Slavery should be abolished in the South.
- Americans should build large cities.
- Americans moving west should feel they had a right to occupy the land.

3. Given any document, statement, philosophical stance, and also given a list of possible outcomes most consistent with the idea. Their ideas may, if appropriate, be validated against what the outcomes actually were.

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**Skill IV:** Placed in a discussion group to discuss the apparent values held by various persons, either historical or contemporary, mythical or real, the student will respond by offering at least one idea on values, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### EXPLORING THE ATTITUDES OF OTHERS.

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify attitudes the person or persons involved in the event may seem to have, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. The students could read about such groups as the early Puritans, or the teacher could show a film on this subject. On the basis of this input, the students could then discuss what values the Puritans seemed to hold. Evaluation could depend upon each student's willingness to contribute at least one idea or build upon the ideas of someone else. Understanding of groups not generally enough understood could be achieved by this means.

**Skill I:**

1. Previous to the American Revolution, and during it as well, some people in this country were opposed to breaking away from England. They believed in remaining loyal to England and King George. These people were, in fact, called "Loyalists."

Following is a list of attitudes these Loyalists may have had. Check the more likely attitudes they may have had. (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ Their attitude toward the revolutionists must have been negative and downright hostile.
- \_\_\_ They must have had a positive attitude about changing their form of government.
- \_\_\_ They must have had a negative attitude toward the way things were in the colonies under the present regime.
- \_\_\_ Their attitude toward their native land (England) must have been positive and friendly.
- \_\_\_ They must have had a generally negative attitude about change.
- \_\_\_ They must have had a friendly attitude toward the revolutionary soldiers.
- \_\_\_ Their attitude toward the victories of Washington's army must have been one of great satisfaction.

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**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of these attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify possible future behaviors which may occur because of these attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXPLORING ONE'S OWN ATTITUDES.

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, and also given the achievement of Skills I, II, and III in relation to that event, the student will:

**Skill I:** Relate those attitudes to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of these attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify behaviors that occurred because of those attitudes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. You have probably read about the people who live in the hills of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. They are often very poor, but they love the hills that are their homes.

Sometimes people from the outside come up the hills. Following are some attitudes these people may have towards these visitors. Give some possible reasons for these attitudes.

They are often suspicious of outsiders because

They are often hostile to outsiders because

They often are distrustful because

**Skill III:**

1. Consider the attitudes about the people described above. On the basis of these attitudes, can you predict future behaviors of these people?

After discussing a particular event in terms of the attitudes of a person or persons involved in the event, the teacher may then wish to lead the students through a discussion relating the attitudes of others to the attitudes of the student.

The discussion might proceed as follows:

1. Do you have similar attitudes, or have you ever shown a similar kind of attitude in a certain situation? Describe.
2. Why do you have that attitude?
3. What happened as a result of that attitude?

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### EXPLORING THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, the student will:

Skill I: Identify the various feelings a person or persons involved in the event may have experienced, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skill I:

1. Early in the 1960's, Martin Luther King led a huge number of persons in a march in Mississippi. King usually walked near the head of the great crowd, and many people, some distinctly hostile, watched as the protesters passed by. The march received a great deal of publicity around the world, and it marked one of the best known events of the Civil Rights Revolution.

Below are some feelings King may or may not have felt as he walked with the people. Check *four* feelings you think he may have felt as he walked along. Leave the others blank.

- Pride in his people
- Fear of violence
- Shame that so many Black people were walking with him
- Sadness when he observed the hostility of some of the people who watched them pass by
- Embarrassment that they were making such a public display
- Joy that his ideas about peaceful protest were attracting so many followers
- Excitement to be a part of such a huge and well-publicized event
- Depressed because his children weren't with him
- Indifference about what may happen as a result of the march
- Jealousy that one Black man seemed to be getting a few steps ahead

2. Read a book about a historical person or about an event that occurred in the past. For example, "April Morning." At a particular point in the book, how do you think a particular person or a group of persons may have felt? For example, in "April Morning," how do you think the boy who is the central character felt as the Battle of Lexington began? Note: In this kind of discussion, the teacher should encourage a diversity and variety of responses.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify possible reasons for those inferred feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Johnny was only 16 when he joined the Northern army to fight in the Civil War. He joined in Michigan, and within months he was in his first battle — the Battle of the Wilderness. Up to that point Johnny had seen no Southern soldiers. But then, while he was situated alone behind a tree, temporarily separated from his fellow soldiers in the midst of the confusion of battle, he saw a Southern soldier come running along, apparently also lost and trying to find safety. The Southern soldier stopped. He saw Johnny. In that instant, Johnny raised his rifle to shoot. He got the Southern soldier in his gun-sight.

At that moment, Johnny must have experienced a mixture of feelings. Check the *one* you do *not* think he felt.

- Startled, because the Southern soldier looked so young and human
- Fearful, because if he missed the Southern soldier might shoot him
- Horrified, because he would be taking another human being's life
- Excited, because he was at last going to have a chance to do what he had joined the army to do
- Disappointed, because the Southern soldier was only a private and not an important officer

2. In 1535 Sir Thomas More, the great English humanist, was beheaded by order of Henry VIII. More was one of the most respected of men of the time, and he was known to the people of England as a very wise and Christian man. In fact, he was one of the strongest figures in the church — the Catholic Church. But because More would not publicly announce that he would go along with the King's divorce, which went against the rules of the Church, More was beheaded. His devoted wife, daughter and friends tried to the end to get him to give in to the King. But he chose death rather than go against his own conscience and the law of the Church.

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**Skill III:** Identify possible future behaviors that may occur because of those feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### EXPLORING ONE'S OWN FEELINGS.

Given an event or a description of an event involving persons, and also given the achievement Skills I, II, and III in relation to that event, the student will:

**Skill I:** Relate those feelings to his own experiences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify possible sources of those feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify behaviors that occurred because of those feelings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

As More mounted the platform to be beheaded, he must have had many feelings. Give reasons why you think he might have had those feelings.

Fear, because \_\_\_\_\_

Self-righteousness, because \_\_\_\_\_

Pride, because \_\_\_\_\_

Fearlessness, because \_\_\_\_\_

### Skill III:

1. A young man who lived in Russia many years ago under the Czars experienced a terrible tragedy. His brother and father, both of whom were trying to improve the conditions of the Russian people, were found guilty of treason by the court of the Czar and were executed. The event filled the young man with bitterness and hatred. He not only loved his brother and father, but he believed in their cause.

What do you think is most likely to have resulted from the young man's feelings? (Check as many likely results as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ He may have become a loyal follower of the Czar.
- \_\_\_ He may have decided to leave Russia.
- \_\_\_ He may have joined a group to overthrow the Czar.
- \_\_\_ He may not have let the experience influence him one way or the other.
- \_\_\_ He may have become a great dancer.

After discussing an event in terms of how the person or persons involved may have felt, the teacher may then wish to lead the students into a discussion of similar feelings they may have had. In this way, the abstract becomes a part of the student's own experience. Such a discussion has two purposes: (1) It may serve to make the events being discussed more real and (2) It may help the student better understand his own feelings and why he has these feelings.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 7-9

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

**Skill I:** Given a statement on rights, drawn from the Federal or State Constitution or other public documents, the student will identify appropriate interpretations of that statement, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

The discussion might proceed as follows:

1. Has anything like this ever happened to you? (Perhaps the discussion has been about Sir Thomas More. Naturally, this exact same thing would not have happened to the student. But almost everyone has been involved in a situation where they had to make a moral choice and various forces pulled him in different directions.)
2. How did *you* feel?
3. Why did you feel that way?
4. What happened as a result of those feelings?

Evaluation would be in terms of the student's willingness to join such a discussion.

### Skill I:

1. The constitution guarantees that a man, his house, and his belongings cannot be searched or seized unless a sworn warrant is presented which tells exactly what place to search and what person or things to seize.

On the basis of this statement, which of the following police actions would seem to be legal? (Check one.)

- The police broke into a man's house while he was away and searched it.
- The police gave a man a search warrant and proceeded to search his closets for stolen goods they think he has hidden there.
- The police go to the man's apartment and say they have heard he has drugs. They tell him they want to search his apartment, and in spite of his protests, they do.
- The police present a warrant to a man to search his apartment for stolen goods. But they are actually looking for drugs.
- The police present a man with a search warrant, but it is made out to another person. The police tell him that search warrants are transferable to other persons besides the one whose name is actually on the warrant.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skill II: Given a list of statements concerning the rights of American citizens, the student will identify those statements that are Constitutionally defensible and those which are not, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

2. The Constitution says that "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech. . ."

Since the writing of the Constitution, courts have further defined this right to free speech so that now it has certain limitations.

Check which of the following people seem to be *within their legal rights* to speak freely according to what you know to be legal restrictions. (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ A man who speaks in the park on the "evils of democracy."
- \_\_\_ A man who gives a lecture to a group of people on why he believes in Communism for the United States.
- \_\_\_ A man who announces at a Democratic Convention that he is a Republican.
- \_\_\_ A man who yells "Fire" in a crowded theater.
- \_\_\_ A public school teacher who tries to convince his students that they should become atheists.
- \_\_\_ A man who tells many personal, shocking, and previously unknown things about a famous person on TV.
- \_\_\_ A man who rises in church and says something to the minister that he does not agree with him about a point he is making.

### Skill II:

1. Following are some statements about our rights as American citizens. Mark whether you think them true or false.
- \_\_\_ Each person has to earn his rights as a citizen.
  - \_\_\_ Our rights are guaranteed to us by the Constitution and by the courts.
  - \_\_\_ The Bill of Rights is the major statements of our rights as Americans.
  - \_\_\_ The Bill of Rights grew out of the Civil Rights Revolution of the 1960's.
  - \_\_\_ A man who is arrested has a right to a lawyer, whether he can afford one or not.
  - \_\_\_ A man who is arrested has a right to know why he is being arrested.
  - \_\_\_ A person does not have a right to a warrant if the police suspect he is hiding stolen goods.
  - \_\_\_ An American has equal rights before the law.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a description of an event in which the persons involved may behave either responsibly or irresponsibly or some degree between, the student will identify how he would behave in that situation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## MATURE BEHAVIOR

**Skill I:** Given a description of psychologically and socially mature behavior, and also given descriptions of behavior of persons, either mythical or real, contemporary or historical, the student will identify the maturity level of these persons' behavior, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ A man has a right to a fair trial.
- \_\_\_ A man has a right to publish whatever he wants about anyone in a newspaper.
- \_\_\_ Americans have a right to unlimited freedom.
- \_\_\_ The United States is the only country in which citizens have their rights guaranteed to them.
- \_\_\_ When we hear the phrase, "all men are created equal," that means everyone is born with the same intelligence, the same number of talents, and the same abilities.
- \_\_\_ Rights are given to us only after we have shown ourselves to be responsible.
- \_\_\_ Every American citizen has a right to run for public office, as long as he is either a Christian or a Jew.

### Skill III:

1. Read the following incident:

A man was standing on a corner when he saw a minor traffic accident. He seemed to be the only witness. As a citizen, which of the following would suggest the most responsible behavior?

- \_\_\_ He should hurry away from the scene immediately so as not to get involved.
- \_\_\_ He should stay to see if anyone was hurt, and then leave before he gets further involved.
- \_\_\_ He should stay to see what happens after the police arrive, but pretend he didn't see the accident when the police ask him about it.
- \_\_\_ He should stay to see if he could help, and then agree to appear in court as a witness when the policeman asks him to do so.
- \_\_\_ He should call the police, but then leave the scene at once.

### Skill I:

1. Two well-known psychologists have described five levels of mature behavior. They are as follows:

**Level 1:** (The lowest level of maturity) At this level a person does not recognize the good and bad effects of his behavior on other persons.

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- Level 2: At this level a person does whatever he wants and considers others only to get what he wants.
- Level 3: At this level a person conforms to whatever the group does without thinking whether it is good or bad.
- Level 4: At this level a person follows rules of good conduct because he has been told that he should do so.
- Level 5: (The highest level of maturity) At this level a person is interested in the well-being of others but decides for himself what specific actions will bring about this good.

Read the following behaviors. Indicate which level of maturity they seem to demonstrate:

- \_\_\_ "I don't care about anyone else. I'm going to do what I please."
- \_\_\_ "I'll help Joe this time, and maybe he can help me tomorrow."
- \_\_\_ "I'm going to do that. After all, everyone else does it."
- \_\_\_ "I'm not going to do that. My mother told me doing that kind of thing is wrong."
- \_\_\_ "What I'm going to do may not be exactly according to the rule, but I think it'll be best for everyone involved."
- \_\_\_ "Everyone disobeys the red light and crosses when he wants to."
- \_\_\_ "I never cross against a red light."
- \_\_\_ "It may be safe enough to cross against that red light, but it confuses the drivers if we cross against the light."
- \_\_\_ "I don't care about the lights. I cross when I feel like it."

2. Other definitions of maturity could be developed from the work of other psychologists. For example, levels of maturity could be based upon Maslow's needs levels: the person with the highest level of maturity being Maslow's "self-actualized" person. Another possible source of a definition would be Riesman's "inner-directed" and "other-directed" person. Also, Carl Rogers' theories of the "fully-functioning person" could be used as a basis for definition. Also, the students themselves could devise criteria of mature behavior and then use these criteria as a basis for discussion.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Skill II: Given a description of the behavior of persons, either mythical or real, contemporary or historical, the student will identify the maturity level of those persons' behavior, as judged by his own definition, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Skill II:

1. Read the following paragraph:

Bill was a new boy in the school. He came from another part of the country, and he spoke poor English, at least by the standards of the other children in the school where he enrolled. Besides having what seemed to be strange speech, he wore very old, tattered cloths, and he had a very bad limp. Besides that, he was overweight. The other children began to tease him, and it got worse every day.

— Bobby was the one who started the others teasing Bill. He seemed to be the one who liked to get the other boys started on the teasing.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Fred teased Billy because the others did. He just went along with them.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Tom didn't like to see Billy teased, so he stayed out of it.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Joe didn't like to see Billy teased and tried to convince them to stop it.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Mike didn't like to see Billy teased either, so he wrote a note to the teacher about it.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Frank enjoyed seeing Billy teased, but didn't actually do it because his mother told him it wasn't nice to tease others.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Pete didn't tease Billy but tried to get others to do it.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

— Sam didn't tease Billy and it made him feel very bad when he saw what Billy was going through. It even brought tears to his eyes.

Explain ranking \_\_\_\_\_

Rank the boys according to what you think their levels of maturity are. You may wish to give some boys the same maturity ranking; you may wish to give them each a different one. Explain why you ranked them in the way you did.

2. Read various descriptions of Napoleon's behavior. What would you say about his level of emotional maturity? Why? Read about the behavior of other famous people, such as Madame Currie, Mozart, Rembrandt, etc. Discuss what you would consider their level of maturity. Explain your thinking.

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### GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Given a group discussion situation, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in the discussion by:

**Skill I:** Presenting his own ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Demonstrating a willingness to expand and clarify his ideas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Listening to others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Commenting on and building on the ideas of others, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skills I, II, III, & IV:

1. It would be well for a teacher to devise herself or locate an existing discussion analysis form. (For example, the Flander's Interaction Analysis Scale.) Then she could organize either a class or a small group discussion on a topic all participants are able to discuss. Either she or observers could use the discussion analysis form to keep track of which students: (I) were willing to say something; (II) were willing to expand and clarify an idea; (III) were willing to listen to others; and, (IV) were willing to comment on and build upon the ideas of others. Such a discussion analysis form could be used periodically throughout the year to determine the progress of students. Skill III (listening to others) might be difficult to determine through observation alone. In this case, following a discussion the students could be asked to re-state some major ideas presented by certain participants. A student who could re-state an idea presented by Tom, Mary, Fred, and Sue, for example, could be considered a better listener than a student who couldn't remember anything said by those students.
2. The students could be shown a film of a group discussion, and perhaps they could also be supplied with a transcript of the discussion. Following the showing of the film and using the discussion transcript, the students could be given a set of questions, such as:
  - A. Which participants in the film seemed to be the most willing to present ideas? Which were the most unwilling?
  - B. Which students seemed to be the most willing to expand and clarify his ideas? Describe how he or she did this. Which students seemed to be the most unwilling to do this? Describe.
  - C. Which students seemed unwilling to listen to others? Describe. Which students seemed willing to listen to others? Describe.
  - D. Which students seemed most willing to comment on and to build upon the ideas of others? Describe.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

Given a group activity situation and minimal adult supervision, the student will demonstrate an ability to take part in an activity by:

**Skill I:** Helping to establish the purpose and/or nature of the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Taking part in the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

The same technique could be used by having some of the students in the class observe other students having a discussion. The discussion participants could either be asked to take part in an actual discussion or they could be asked to role-play various discussion behaviors.

### Skills I & II:

1. The teacher could devise an observational technique to assist her in determining how well the students are able to plan and take part in a group activity. It would be well to determine specific criteria that she would use as a basis for evaluation. Such an observation technique could be used periodically throughout the year to gauge individual student progress. The important thing would be that the teacher make it a point in her plans for the year to define specific strategies to encourage the students to take part in group activities with some degree of independence.
2. Students could be asked to role-play an independent activity session, and other students could observe. Or a film could be shown that depicts a group of students in some activity. Following the role-playing situation or the showing of the film, the students could be asked to respond to such questions as:

Which students seemed the most helpful in planning the activity? Why?

Which students seemed the least helpful? Why?

Which students seemed the most cooperative? Why?

Which students do you think contributed most to the activity? Why?

Which students seemed to be the leaders? The followers? Were there students that seemed neither to be good leaders nor good followers? Why?

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### MAKING AND TESTING GENERALIZATIONS

**Skill I:** Given a group or groups of data, the student will identify appropriate generalizations on the basis of those data, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. Look carefully at the five pictures below.
  - A. This picture would show a person living near the Arctic Circle and dressed appropriately.
  - B. This picture shows a person living in the tropical forests of Central Africa, dressed appropriately.
  - C. This picture shows a person in Michigan (in winter), dressed appropriately.
  - D. This picture shows a person in Florida, dressed appropriately.
  - E. This picture shows a person in a desert, *inappropriately* dressed (dressed for winter).

Which of the following would be the best generalization to make on the basis of these pictures?

- People wear the same kinds of clothing everywhere.
- People dress appropriately.
- People usually dress appropriate to the climate they live in.
- People always dress appropriate to the climate they live in.
- Most people wear attractive and durable clothing, both in summer and winter.

2. The Mayas of Central America developed advanced skills in road building, structural engineering, boat building, mathematics, astronomy, sculpture, weaving, jewelry making, pottery making, farming. The Incas of South America developed advanced skills in road and bridge building, architectural engineering, surgery, metallurgy, weaving, farming, and irrigating. The Aztecs of Mexico had advanced skills in architecture and building, sculpture, weaving, mathematics and astronomy, farming and irrigating.

All three groups had well-developed legal and governmental systems. All three could record and transmit facts and ideas in forms other than oral. All three built pyramidal temples as centers of their highly organized, very powerful religious systems. All three built and maintained sizeable cities.

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## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Check the generalization you think is the most accurate according to the given data.

- \_\_\_ 1. The Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs originated, exchanged, and further developed ideas, information, and skills basic to enabling large groups of people to live comfortably together.
- \_\_\_ 2. The Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs independently developed ideas and skills basic to enabling large groups of people to live comfortably together.
- \_\_\_ 3. The Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs used and developed ideas and skills originated by some unknown group to enable large groups of people to live comfortably together.
- \_\_\_ 4. The Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs appear to have learned, exchanged, and developed in terms of their individual cultures ideas and skills originated by an earlier group of people.

Now explain why you consider the three you did not check to be accurate.

Number \_\_\_ is inaccurate because \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_ is inaccurate because \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_ is inaccurate because \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. The teacher may have a discussion with the students on such a topic as: "What are some causes of juvenile delinquency?" The teacher might wish to list the students' ideas on this question on the blackboard. At the conclusion, the teacher could ask the following question: "On the basis of what you have said in this discussion, what generalization could we make about the causes of juvenile delinquency?" The quality of the generalizations suggested by the students might be determined by certain criteria, such as, "A good generalization should (A) have a quality of tentativeness about it; (B) derive from the data upon which it is based; (C) be broad enough to include most of the data from which it was drawn as well as possible additional data." Hence, a good definition based on such a discussion might be: "Juvenile delinquency tends to be caused by many factors that influences a young child and many of these factors have to do with the parents."

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**Skill II:** Given a generalization based upon a certain set of data, the student will test the validity of the generalization on the basis of additional data, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## FORMULATING AND JUSTIFYING CONCEPTS

Given a selection of items or ideas, especially items or ideas supplied by his peers, the student will:

**Skill I:** Group the items or ideas in a variety of ways (formulating concepts), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Identify reasons for the grouping (justify concept), as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Consider the following generalization:

"Teenagers who get in trouble with the law and are brought before juvenile judges usually could have been identified by psychologists as being 'potential juvenile delinquents' very early in their childhoods."

Mark the following statements either true or false.

- \_\_\_ The generalization would be disproved if someone could quote just one case where it couldn't have been true.
- \_\_\_ The generalization would be questioned if an authority on the subject wrote a book containing many case studies that demonstrate that it isn't true.
- \_\_\_ The generalization would be a better one if you took out the word "usually" and in this way made it more positive.

2. Let us say that someone made the following generalization:

"Africa was called 'The Dark Continent' because civilization did not flourish there."

Someone who heard this generalization then found some books that described a culture in Africa that existed there while Europe was experiencing the Dark Ages. This culture developed to a very high peak. This person also found books on the great civilizations of Africa.

Would you say that the generalization about Africa being a "Dark Continent" was:

- \_\_\_ supported
- \_\_\_ not supported
- \_\_\_ not affected one way or the other

**Skill I & II:**

1. Below is a list of responses supplied by students your age when they were asked the question: "What do you think some American parents value?" Read through the list.

Cars  
Boats  
Gadgets

Education  
Social Status  
Respect for elders

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Law and order	Athletics
Keeping up with the Joneses	Money
Respect for the flag	Clothes
Obedience	Good grooming
Successful performance by children	Cleanliness
Financial success	Looking young
Vacations	Social contacts
Travel	Government services
Recreation	Social security
TV	Medicare
Movies	Let-the-other-guy-do-it
Theater	Houses
	Escape through liquor

Think of various ways some of these items or ideas could be grouped together. For example, you could group "cars" and "boats" together because they are both means of transportation. You may have as many or as few items in your groups as you wish. Use as many of the items on the list as you can — although you may not be able to use them all.

Formulate your groupings in the spaces below.

Group I	Group II	Group III
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Group IV	Group V
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Now that you have grouped the items in five groups, think of a label for each group that explains your reasons for the groupings. Write your labels below:

Group I \_\_\_\_\_

Group II \_\_\_\_\_

Group III \_\_\_\_\_

Group IV \_\_\_\_\_

Group V \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Responses indicated here indicate the way a student might group and label these items. Many other possibilities exist.

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2. Below are pictures of groups of things. One of the groups has an item that does not seem to belong. Check the group that contains the one item that seems to be out of place in that group.

- \_\_\_ a picture showing six paper products
- \_\_\_ a picture showing six wood products
- \_\_\_ a picture showing six steel products
- \_\_\_ a picture showing six plastic products
- \_\_\_ a picture showing five glass products and one steel product

Explain your reason for checking the group that you did.

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3. By placing items or ideas in various groups, the student is performing the high-level cognition task for formulating miscellaneous data into concepts. The teacher should encourage students to group the data in as many ways as possible to suggest to students that there are *many* ways to organize knowledge, not just one or a few ways.

The important thing is having students group data is to always ask them *why* they group a particular number of items a certain way. The reasons for the grouping may not be readily understood by others unless it is explained by the person formulating the group. Asking the student to think of a label for the group forces him to put in a concise term the nature of the grouping (concept).

Data for the purposes of grouping may be obtained from the students themselves by use of an open-ended question, such as the one suggested above. Data may also be supplied to the students. However, it is apparent that the students should understand the data they are expected to group.

4. In the following exercise, read each group of items and then answer the question immediately following it. In each case, choose only one.

Group A. lions  
elephants  
zebras

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Which of the following would be the best label for Group A? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. animals of Africa
- b. Africa
- c. animals
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group B. trees  
vines  
bushes

Which of the following would be the best label for Group B? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. greenery
- b. kinds of trees in Africa
- c. vegetation in Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group C. mountains  
valleys  
monkeys

Which of the following would be the best label for Group C? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. physical features of Africa
- b. the high and low places of Africa
- c. geography of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group D. rivers  
lakes  
swamps

Which of the following would be the best label for Group D? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. water features of Africa
- b. rivers of Africa
- c. lakes of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

Group E. Egypt  
Congo  
Uganda

Which of the following would be the best label for Group E? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. rivers
- b. countries of Africa
- c. lakes of Africa
- d. this is a faulty grouping (one item does not seem to belong)

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**Skill III:** Test the accuracy and validity of the groupings, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. Let us say someone grouped the following together:

lion, tiger, leopard, bobcat, lynx, domestic cat, ocelot, cheetah, margay

The person who formed this group labeled it "Cats." However, someone else questions whether all of these could really be considered cats. You need to find out if that label can be considered correct. In other words, the person has to "justify his grouping."

What would be the best way to do this? (Check as many as you wish.)

- look in a book on domestic cats
- look in a book on Africa
- look in a book on animals
- look in a book about cats
- look in an encyclopedia
- look in a science book that groups animals
- ask the girl next door
- watch TV and see if it says something about it
- look in a book on pets
- ask a zoologist
- look in a book on American animals

2. After the student has formulated the groups, he may use these groupings for further research study. For example, if the students are beginning a unit on the Moslem religion, the teacher could ask the students to view a film on the subject or read some books. Then she could ask the question: "What comes to your mind when you think of the Moslem religion?" In this way, data would be collected. Then the students would group the data. The groups could then be used as a basis for further study. Errors within the groupings would be discovered as the students use them as a basis for study. Thus their accuracy and validity would be established.

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### CAUSE AND EFFECT

**Skill I:** Given a set of items that either support or violate the principle of multiple causes and multiple effects, the student will identify those that support this principle and those that violate it, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. What would probably be the best explanation of why the Civil War occurred?

- The Civil War was caused by Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- The Civil War was caused by slavery.
- The Civil War did not have any particular cause.
- The Civil War was caused by a number of complex factors.
- The Civil War was caused by two separate events.

2. Which of the following statements about the effects of the Crusades would you say is the best?

- The Crusades resulted in one thing — they returned Jerusalem to the Christians.
- The Crusades had little, if any effect on history.
- The Crusades failed in their real purpose, but in the long run, they had many effects on history.
- The Crusades, which were an attempt to return Jerusalem to the Christians, were fought in 1298.
- The Crusades, which pitted the Christians against the Moslems, were caused by many factors.

3. Mark the following statements true or false:

- Events almost always have a number of causes, rather than just one or two causes.
- In considering the causes of an event or social phenomenon, all of the causes should be ranked equal in importance. That is, they usually all had an equal weight in causing something to happen.
- Effects of one event usually become causes of future events.
- Any event in history can be discussed in terms of its causes and effects.
- Causes are more important considerations than effects.

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**Skill II:** Given an event or a social phenomenon, the student will identify possible causal factors and possible effects of the event or phenomenon, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### MAKING PREDICTIONS

**Skill I:** Given a description of a group of people, either mythical or real, and also given a description of events that impinge upon the lives of these people, the student will predict outcomes, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. The Industrial Revolution occurred in some countries in the last century when people began to rely on other sources of power to produce things. People began to less often make things by hand and more and more they began to make things in mills and factories.

Below is a list of 20 statements concerning the Industrial Revolution. Mark five that seem to be "cause statement." Mark five that seem to be statements of "effect." Leave the others blank.

___ 1	___ 5	___ 9	___ 13	___ 17
___ 2	___ 6	___ 10	___ 14	___ 18
___ 3	___ 7	___ 11	___ 15	___ 19
___ 4	___ 8	___ 12	___ 16	___ 20

2. Choose a particular historical event or social phenomenon. Make a list of all the causes of this event or phenomenon. Make a list of all the effects. Think of how the effects became causes of other events or social phenomena.

**Skill I:**

1. Two countries were about to go to war. They were neighboring countries and were about the same size geographically. Country A was mainly rural. Although the people in that country were known for their gracious style of living and fine manners, there was quite a bit of poverty there too. The leaders in Country A were outstanding in many ways, partly because they knew how to communicate with the people, partly because of their noble and idealistic philosophies.

Country Z was highly industrialized and mechanized. Factories of all kinds were booming, and many people were making large fortunes. The country had a well-developed transportation and communications network. Although many people still lived in rural areas and small towns, the cities were growing rapidly.

The war was fought mostly in Country A. Country Z was the first to attack, some people think without justification.

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Following are some statements that attempt to predict what the outcome of the war will be. Check the predictions you think are the safest ones to make on the basis of the given information. (Check as many as you wish.)

- Country A will probably win because people who live in rural countries tend to fight better than people who live in urbanized countries.
- Country Z will probably win because its technology is more highly developed — and wars are largely won on the basis of technology.
- Country A will probably win because the moral right seems to be on their side — since Country Z attacked them.
- Country Z will probably win because they have greater financial resources to wage the war.
- Country Z will probably win because it has a better system of transportation.
- Country A will probably win because they have better leaders.

2. A group of people lived in an area rich in wild game. They moved about in small groups gathering food and hunting for game. The people had many traditions and rituals. Their religion was somewhat pantheistic. That is, they believed God lived in everything — the sky, the plants, rocks, trees, the wind, and so on. Family ties among the people were strong, and they were a peaceful and happy people.

Eventually other people came to the lands these people lived on. The people were forced out of their native areas and most of them ended up in large cities working in the plants and factories.

What would you predict would happen to these people over the years? (Mark as many of the following as you wish.)

- The rituals and traditions of the people would remain about the same.
- The people would maintain about the same style of life.
- Their religion would tend to fuse with the religion of the people in the cities.
- The young people would tend to grow away from the elders and want to live more like the young people in the cities.
- Some of the people would become bitter about the way they were driven away and come to hate the people in the cities.

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- The people would tend to congregate together in the cities they were forced to move to.
- The children would tend to have trouble getting along in school in the cities.
- The peaceful and happy nature of the people could turn to one of aggressiveness and bitterness.
- Most of the people would find life in the cities not so much different from their former lives.

3. Gather statistics on world population trends. Consider related factors as well. On the basis of the data you have gathered, what predictions would you be able to make about the year 3000?

4. Let us say that a group of students are about to begin to study a particular event. Before getting into the unit of study, they could be presented with some data and asked to consider what they would predict would be the outcome, on the basis of available data. Further study would either support or not support their predictions. The point is, it is important for students to try to project into the future — not the kind of astrological way, but on the basis of data. Such an activity is the basis for the Rand "Think Tank," in which data is used to project future developments. This kind of thing is vital if a society wishes to prepare for the future — and plan for it.

## MAKING INFERENCES

**Skill I:** Given a group of descriptive data, the student will identify appropriate inferences that might be made on the basis of those data, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-references test.

### Skill I:

1. In a certain heavily forested and mountainous continent, three groups of people developed advanced cultures. Each had a highly developed system of religion, well-organized and efficient systems of government, and advanced skills in building roads and buildings. Each of the groups knew a great deal about farming procedures, and each seemed to know about many "modern" ailments and their cures. The peoples in this land had different languages, but they were in many ways similar in structure. The people in these three groups also knew a great deal about astronomy. They knew that the earth is round, that it rotates, and even what size it is.

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On the basis of this description of these three groups of people, which of the following would be the *least* likely inference? (Check one.)

- Cultural and scientific borrowings probably occurred among the three groups of people.
- Trade probably took place among the three groups of people.
- There is a possibility that people from another area of the world once visited and influenced the people of these three areas.
- The three groups may have once been a part of a common culture, which later split into three separate groups.
- The peoples of these three groups probably developed their culture and technology in isolation and independent of each other.

2. When a certain area of the United States was settled, the early settlers often lived in "sod houses." These houses were made of squares of earth and grass. Squares were piled on top of each other to make walls, and the roofs were usually thatched with grass. These sod houses would not be considered very elegant by today's standards, but they sufficiently protected the inhabitants against the elements.

What can we infer from this paragraph?

- The area where sod houses were made was a place where many trees grew.
- It was a place with grassy plains.
- It was a place with a severe enough climate to require that people build a quick shelter.
- It was a place that was snow-covered almost year round.
- It was a place that was mostly desert.
- It was a place where building materials were not easily available.
- People who lived in sod houses probably had trouble with snakes, mice, and other small animals.
- People who lived in sod houses probably had at least one large glassed window on one side of the house.
- Sod houses probably lasted for years.
- Sod houses probably needed to be constantly repaired or replaced.

3. Show the students reproductions or pictures of various artifacts from a particular culture. Have them examine them carefully. Then ask: "What can we say about these people on the basis of

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### FORMULATING AND TESTING HYPOTHESES

**Skill I:** Given various statements about hypotheses, the student will identify those which are corrected, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-references test.

**Skill II:** Given a set of data about a particular event or social phenomenon, the student will identify appropriate hypotheses based upon those data, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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these artifacts?" The students would be encouraged to make as many inferences as possible. In each case, the student would be asked *why* he is making a particular inference. After the discussion, the students should find out to what extent their inferences were legitimate, either on the basis of reading about the culture that produced the objects or by comparing their inferences about these people with experts who have similarly made inferences.

### Skill I:

1. Below are some statements about hypotheses. Check those which you consider to be correct.
  - \_\_\_ A hypothesis could be defined as an explanation of something which remains to be supported by research.
  - \_\_\_ A hypothesis is a guess as to why something happened, but it cannot be shown to be either true or false.
  - \_\_\_ Sometimes social scientists prove their own hypotheses wrong when they do their research.
  - \_\_\_ Researchers usually establish hypotheses in order to define what they intend to do their research about.
  - \_\_\_ "Hypothesis testing" means taking a test in school about whether or not certain information is accurate.

### Skill II:

1. Mary noticed in her school that on Monday mornings the students seemed to be much more quiet and less interested in their school. She wondered why. She did have some ideas on the subject.

Below are listed some hypotheses that Mary formulated. Of the five that are listed, check two that seem to be the most appropriate and the most like hypotheses.

- \_\_\_ It is unfortunate that so many students are lazy and uninterested in their school work on Monday mornings.
- \_\_\_ Students in this school tend to stay up later on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights than usual and are therefore tired Monday morning.

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**Skill III:** Given a particular hypotheses, the student will identify appropriate ways of testing that hypothesis, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-references test.

## THE NATURE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Skill I:** Given a list of various social scientists, such as anthropologists, economists, geographers, historians, philosophers, political scientists, psychologists, and sociologists, the student will identify the nature of their respective areas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- Students tend to be uninterested in school Monday morning because most students don't like school and are uninterested in their subjects.
- Adults, like students, tend to be tired on Monday mornings.
- Students tend to be less interested in school and more quiet on Monday mornings because the teachers tend to spend less time on class preparation for their Monday morning classes.

**Skill III:**

1. A social scientist formulated the following hypothesis:

Below are listed five possible ways he could go about testing this hypothesis. Identify the best approach you think he could take:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a list of social scientists. Place the letters that accompany each in the appropriate blanks below:

- A. Anthropologist
- B. Economists
- C. Geographers
- D. Historians
- E. Philosophers
- F. Political Scientists
- G. Psychologists
- H. Sociologists

- study such matters as comparative government, international relations, public administration, and theories of government.
- attempt to reconstruct the events of the past according to their view.
- study how goods and services get produced and how they get distributed.
- often look for fossil human bones and study living people.

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- try to reconstruct the chronology of events in the recorded past.
- try to find out such things as how we inherit the color of our eyes or the shape of our heads, how new traits arise and spread among peoples, and how environment affects us.
- gather their information through experimentation, natural observation, case histories, and surveys.
- would study in detail the various forms of democracy, communism, and socialism.
- would deal with such terms as "roles," "prejudice," "class," "folkways," and "social mobility."
- deal with such questions as "What is the purpose of man and life?" and "What is the nature of existence?"
- sometimes talk to individual people in order to try to help them solve their emotional problems.
- concern themselves with the location of physical features, places, and people, as well as with various parts of the world are alike and different.
- study living men to see why they vary in physical appearance.
- deal with "ultimate realities" and study the structure of various belief systems.
- study human relationships — that is, how people live and work together.
- deal with fundamental values of equality, freedom, justice, and power.
- study the way people and nations choose the things they actually buy from among the things they want.
- would study such matters as abnormal human behavior, what motivates people, and how various kinds of personality are formed.
- would study such matters as recessions, gross national products, capital goods, and the Laissez faire theory.
- would study the "law of supply and demand."
- are interested in the cause and effect relationships that have led to certain events and situations in the present world.
- study how various physical features of the world came to be where they are, and the space relations of different features and areas to one another.

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### ANALYZING WRITTEN SELECTIONS

**Skill I:** Given a set of statements or paragraphs that illustrate:

- A. various degrees of clarity
- B. various degrees of bias
- C. various degrees of logic
- D. various degrees of reliability of source
- E. various degrees of appropriateness of stated conclusions,

The student will identify the most acceptable selection within the set, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill I:**

1. Below are three brief paragraphs that describe the relationships between the cultural patterns of the Lacandon Indians of Mexico and the physical environment in which they live. Of the three paragraphs, one presents the relationship much more clearly than the others. Identify the one that does this. (Check one.)

Paragraph I  
 Paragraph II  
 Paragraph III

2. Below are three paragraphs that describe the Battle of Bull Run. One of the paragraphs is less biased than the others. Check the one you think seems to be the least biased. (Check one.)

Paragraph I  
 Paragraph II  
 Paragraph III

3. Below are three paragraphs that discuss some strengths and weaknesses of the capitalist system. One of the paragraphs presents the discussion with a greater degree of logic than the others. Indicate the one you think seems to be the most logical. (Check one.)

Paragraph I  
 Paragraph II  
 Paragraph III

4. Below are three paragraphs about the class structure of a certain community. You will notice when you read the paragraphs that the ideas presented in them have been drawn from different sources. Indicate the paragraph that seems to have been based on the most reliable source. (Check one.)

Paragraph I  
 Paragraph II  
 Paragraph III

5. Below are three paragraphs written by philosophers. In each of the paragraphs the writer reaches a conclusion based upon the discussion that has gone before. In one of the paragraphs, the conclusion reached by the

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### GATHERING DATA

**Skill I:** Given a question or topic, the student will gather information on that question or topic from at least three — and preferably more — sources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given the varying sources of data gathered in relation to a particular question or topic, the student will identify the varying quality of those sources, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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writer seems to have been most directly based upon discussion. Indicate the paragraph in which the writer draws the most justifiable conclusion. (Check one.)

- Paragraph I
- Paragraph II
- Paragraph III

### Skills I & II:

1. You have been assigned the task of giving a report on the changing patterns of society in Sicily during the past 20 years. Which of the following would be the best way to gather information on this subject? (Check one.)
  - Read a recent book on the subject.
  - Find an article in a magazine.
  - Talk to a person who has been to Sicily recently.
  - Read at least two books on the subject.
  - Read as many books and articles on the subject as you can find.
2. Let us say you are interested in finding out about the "emerging nations of Africa." You might get information on this topic from various sources, some of which are listed below. Check *three* that you think *probably* would give you the most reliable information. (Check *no more than 3*)
  - the annual supplement to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.
  - a series of articles in the *New York Times*.
  - a letter to the editor in the local daily newspaper.
  - an article in the local weekly newspaper.
  - the boy who lives next door.
  - your teacher
  - several books on the subject written by social scientists who have studied African nations
  - articles in *Redbook*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, and *Stag*.
  - a number of African authorities who have traveled extensively in Africa.
  - a survey in which you ask the students in your school about Africa.
3. Ask the students to gather information on a particular topic or question. After they have done so, ask them where they have gathered their information. Then discuss the varying quality of the sources and the question, "What makes some sources of information superior to others?"

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### COMPARING DATA

**Skill I:** Given at least two — and preferably more — sets of data on a particular topic or question, the student will identify similarities and differences within those sets of data as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill I:**

1. Below are two paragraphs about President Harding. Read them carefully.

Paragraph A:

Paragraph B:

You probably noticed that the two paragraphs sometimes seem to be in agreement, but sometimes they seem to be in disagreement. Answer the following statements either true or false in terms of the paragraphs.

- \_\_\_ Both paragraphs seem to agree that Harding was a below-average President.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph A seems to suggest that Harding was personally involved in the Teapot Dome Scandal, while Paragraph B does not suggest this.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph A seems to suggest Harding was dominated by his wife, while Paragraph B seems not to suggest this.
- \_\_\_ Both paragraphs seem to suggest that Harding committed suicide because he feared more scandals would soon break out.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph A strongly suggests that Harding did not have either the personal qualities nor the ability to be President, while Paragraph B suggests only that Harding lacked the general abilities.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph A suggests that Harding's failures as a President were a major cause of later national problems, while Paragraph B does not suggest this at all.

2. Below are three paragraphs describing the Potawatomi Indians. You will notice that in some ways the paragraphs give the same information, but in some ways they seem to be in disagreement. In the space provided below, list the similarities and differences contained in these three paragraphs.

Paragraph  
A:

*Similarities*

Paragraph  
B:

*Differences*

Paragraph  
C:

Par. I  
Par. II  
Par. III

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**Skill II:** Given sets of data on a particular topic or question and which contain similarities and differences, the student will identify reasons for those similarities and differences, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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3. Give the student a particular topic or question. Have him and others gather information on that question or topic from a variety of sources. Place the information so collected before the student for purposes of examination. In what ways does the information seem to agree? In what way does it seem to disagree?

**Skill II:**

1. Below are paragraphs describing the African nation of Uganda. You will notice that in some ways the three paragraphs are in agreement. But in other ways the paragraphs seem to be, or clearly are, in disagreement. Below the paragraphs is a list of ways the paragraphs are or seem to be in disagreement. Place the letter explaining a possible reason for the disagreement in the blanks. You may place more than one letter in a blank if you wish.

Paragraph

Paragraph

Paragraph

A:

B:

C:

*Points of disagreement:*

- \_\_\_ 1. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 2. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 3. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 4. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 5. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 6. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 7. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 8. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 9. state point of disagreement
- \_\_\_ 10. state point of disagreement

*Possible Reasons for disagreement:*

- A. It's likely this disagreement was caused because the writers had disagreeing sources of information.
- B. It's likely that this disagreement was caused because the writers visited different parts of Uganda.
- C. It's possible this disagreement comes from various biases held by the writers.
- D. It's possible that this disagreement occurs because the actual facts are not really known by anyone.
- E. It's possible this is a typographical error.
- F. It's possible this error is mainly a matter of the phrasing the writers used.

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### IDENTIFYING THE RELEVANCE OF DATA

**Skill I:** Given a topic or question, the student will identify data relevant to that topic or question, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- G. It's possible this error is because one writer actually has visited Uganda, while the others have read about it in other books.
- H. It's possible this disagreement is caused more by what is *not* said (an "error of omission") than what *is* said.

2. In discussing the data gathered by the students (in No. 3 above), have the students discuss *why* the information they gathered is sometimes in agreement and sometimes in disagreement.

### Skill I:

1. Sometimes when you are asked to find information on a particular question or topic, you can find a lot of information about the topic generally — and then have to decide what information that you have located is *directly* relevant to the question or questions you are concerned about.

For example, you may be writing a paper on the causes of the Civil War. In your reading you come across a great deal of information about the Civil War generally, and though much of this information may be of real interest to you, you will have to identify *only that information that deals with the causes of the war*.

The following questions relate to this idea. You are given a topic or question. Then you are given kinds of information about that topic. You are to indicate which of the three kinds of information given are the *most relevant* to the topic.

### Example:

#### The causes of the Civil War

- \_\_\_ information about weapons used in the war
- \_\_\_ information about the results of the war
- \_\_\_ information about the decade before the war

#### The decline of British naval strength over the past 50 years

- \_\_\_ information about life aboard British ships during the 16th and 17th centuries
- \_\_\_ information about the British royal family over the past 50 years
- \_\_\_ information about the great loss of British ships during the early days of World War II

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The results or implications of a greater proportion of Americans being in the over-60 age bracket than the under-18

- information about how schools are getting better
- information about decreasing birth rates in various countries
- information about how older and younger voters tend to vote

The contributions of Black Americans to the American culture

- information about the development of jazz in the United States, especially its early roots in the South
- information about the high rate of unemployment among Black Americans, especially those living in certain sections of the country
- information about the major problems facing Black Americans today, including the problems of prejudice

The effects of the cotton gin on the pre-Civil War South

- information about life among the slaves before the war
- information about how Whitney invented the cotton gin
- information about the amount of cotton the cotton gin could process

2. In collecting data in regard to a given topic or question, a major problem that students have is distinguishing between information that is relevant and that which is not. They often tend to gather a great deal more information than they really need either because they tend to forget what the original intent of their research was, or because they fail to make the sometimes fine distinction between what is relevant to the question and what is not.

The teacher would do well to propose a topic or question to the student and have him collect information. Rather than having the student organize the information into a report or some kind of a presentation, he could be asked to discuss the information only in terms of its relevance to the topic. Activities of this nature should sensitize the student to the general area of relevancy of information, so that when he reads articles, hears speeches, etc., he will learn to distinguish between what is relevant to the subject and what is not.

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**Skill II:** Given a selection on a particular topic or question, the student will identify irrelevant data and ideas contained within the selection, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND SOLVING PROBLEMS

**Skill I:** Given a description, shown a film, or presented with accounts of a situation suggesting problems, especially problems of a social nature, the student will identify problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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### Skill II:

1. Below is an article on the subject: "Why the Electoral College System Should Be Abolished." You will notice when you read the article that each sentence has been numbered. At this point ignore the numbers.

You may have noticed as you read the article that some data and ideas presented by the writer do not seem to be relevant to the idea of the article. In the space provided below, write the number of the sentences that did not seem to be relevant to the major point of the article.

### Skill I:

1. You will be shown six pictures of life in India today. Study the pictures carefully.

Now think of at least five social problems that are suggested to you by these pictures. List them below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: The six pictures will have been shown to a large group of students of this age, and a list of valid problems listed by these students will be compiled. The responses given by other students will be evaluated against this "master" list. However, additional responses may also be considered and possibly accepted.)

2. You will be shown a series of pictures of life in a large American city today. A number of social problems may be suggested by these pictures. Below is a list of problems. Check those which are suggested in the pictures.

- \_\_\_ over-crowded conditions
- \_\_\_ parents who "don't care"
- \_\_\_ lack of things to do
- \_\_\_ lack of sanitation
- \_\_\_ poor teachers
- \_\_\_ rats
- \_\_\_ unsafe water supply
- \_\_\_ inadequate housing
- \_\_\_ air pollution

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**Skill II:** Given the problems so identified above, the student will suggest possible solution to the problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given the problem or problems so identified above, and also given the solutions to that problem or problems, the student will identify possible consequences of those solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- \_\_\_ lack of public transportation
- \_\_\_ segregation
- \_\_\_ dishonest mayor
- \_\_\_ unhappy children
- \_\_\_ decaying buildings

3. Have the students read a series of articles from current publications, or have the students read a book, either fiction or non-fiction, or have the students take a field trip. On the basis of these activities, the student would be asked to list the problems that he observed or gathered from the material. The important point here is that the student should learn to recognize problems, especially problems that may not be readily apparent.

### Skill II:

1. Now consider one of the problems you checked above. (Item 2 above.) Can you think of some solutions to this problem? List at least three solutions you think would be most *reasonable* and *feasible*.

The problem I checked was \_\_\_\_\_

Possible solutions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you can think of other possible solutions, list them on the back of this paper.

### Skill III:

1. Sometimes when solutions to problems are found, the solutions may not just have the intended effect, but other effects as well. Some of these unintended effects may lead to greater problems than the original one, or at least other more minor problems.

Take one of the solutions you suggested above to the problem you had checked. Think of at least three effects that solution may produce that may have been unintended.

The problem I checked was: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible effects or unintended results of this solution:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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If you think of more than three effects of the solution, list them on the back of this paper.

2. Let us say that a new freeway is to be built through a city. In order to build the freeway, many homes, particularly homes in the poorer section of the city, had to be torn down. But after a number of years of construction, the city did have an excellent new freeway.

Below are listed some unintended results of the construction of the freeway. Check what you would consider to be the *three* most serious unintended results:

- \_\_\_ People could get from the suburbs to the downtown faster.
- \_\_\_ Traffic on the city streets was lessened.
- \_\_\_ Neighborhoods and families were broken up.
- \_\_\_ People who were forced to move had to move in with people who were already over-crowded.
- \_\_\_ The people in the areas where homes were torn down became very proud that the highway was built where their homes used to be.
- \_\_\_ City suffered a tax loss when many homes were torn down.
- \_\_\_ People who drove in from the suburbs to the downtown on the freeway came to scarcely know what the residential sections of the city were like.
- \_\_\_ People who thought it took a long time to drive downtown before began to go downtown more often.
- \_\_\_ The buildings of the freeway increased the poor peoples' feeling of bitterness and resentment.

## FIELD AND LIBRARY RESEARCH

Skill I: Given a list of questions that could be answered by referring to a standard library reference work, the student will identify the appropriate work, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

Skill I:

1. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks:
  - A. An American History Text
  - B. An Atlas
  - C. A Civics Text
  - D. An Economics Text
  - E. A Dictionary
  - F. *Who's Who in America*
  - G. *The World Almanac*
  - H. An Encyclopedia
  - I. *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*
  - J. Official State Government Handbook

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### Questions

- \_\_\_ 1. How does North America compare in size to Africa?
- \_\_\_ 2. Who is the chief justice of your state Supreme Court?
- \_\_\_ 3. How many persons were killed by autos in 1937?
- \_\_\_ 4. When was the Cumberland Road built?
- \_\_\_ 5. What is the difference between an antiquarian and a historian?
- \_\_\_ 6. What was the importance of the Munich Pact of 1938?
- \_\_\_ 7. How much cotton was exported from the United States from 1920-1930?
- \_\_\_ 8. Where was Patrick Henry, the Revolutionary orator, born?
- \_\_\_ 9. How much territory did Japan obtain from China in 1938?
- \_\_\_ 10. What are the advantages of the city-manager plan?
- \_\_\_ 11. What are the distinctive features of the Gothic type of architecture?
- \_\_\_ 12. What events preceded the formation of the League of Nations?
- \_\_\_ 13. Describe the nomination and election of the President?
- \_\_\_ 14. What is the origin of the word "democracy"?
- \_\_\_ 15. How many immigrants came to the United States last year?
- \_\_\_ 16. What do we know about predicting business cycles?
- \_\_\_ 17. How long are the Rocky Mountains?

Skill II: Given a list of standard reference works found in libraries, the student will identify appropriate descriptions of these works, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

Skill II:

1. Below is a list of some standard library reference works. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks.
  - A. An unabridged dictionary
  - B. *Encyclopedia Britannica*
  - C. *The World Book Encyclopedia*
  - D. *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*
  - E. *Who's Who*
  - F. *The World Almanac*
  - G. An Atlas
  - H. A file cabinet (sometimes called "the vertical file")
  - I. the card catalog

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**Skill III:** Given a list of statements that are to be proved, the student will identify those more difficult to prove, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- \_\_\_ a work that gives the fullest definition of words
- \_\_\_ a work you might want to check in if you wanted a great deal of authoratative information on a topic
- \_\_\_ a work you might want to check in if you want authoratative information on a topic but don't want too long an article on it
- \_\_\_ a work you would check if you wanted to find some magazine articles on a certain topic
- \_\_\_ a work that gives statistical facts and information of a strictly factual nature
- \_\_\_ a work that is devoted to geographical information about various parts of the world
- \_\_\_ a place where clippings from magazines and newspapers are available
- \_\_\_ a place where the books in the library are listed on cards

### Skill III:

1. In each of the following sections, one of the five items would be more difficult to prove than the other four. Place a "D" next to the one which would be most difficult to prove. Consider each group of five separately.

#### *Section A*

- \_\_\_ 1. Many medieval manuscripts were written in Latin.
- \_\_\_ 2. The area of Alaska is greater than that of Texas.
- \_\_\_ 3. Cleveland held two terms in office as President of the United States.
- \_\_\_ 4. The "elastic clause" of the Federal Constitution has provoked much controversy.
- \_\_\_ 5. The Russian economic system is doomed to failure.

#### *Section B*

- \_\_\_ 1. Washington was unpopular with some groups by the end of his second administration.
- \_\_\_ 2. Jefferson was born in Virginia.
- \_\_\_ 3. Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest President to take office.
- \_\_\_ 4. Soil erosion is the greatest problem of the Middle West.
- \_\_\_ 5. California once called itself the "Bear Flag Republic."

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**Skill IV:** Given a question or topic that may call for research of a field nature, the student will identify appropriate approaches to organizing the research activities, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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### Section C

- 1. There was little organized education in Europe during the Middle Ages.
- 2. Greece contributed more to civilization than Rome did.
- 3. The invention of the steam engine influenced the way people lived.
- 4. The Battle of New Orleans in 1815 was entirely unnecessary.
- 5. Labor strikes sometimes occur during good times.

### Skill IV:

1. A group of students decided to find out what the people in the community thought about what people think of "Women's Lib." Below are listed what five of the students did in order to find out about this question. Rank their approaches from 1 (the best approach) to 5 (the poorest).

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Now take the approach used by the student you marked "1" and list *five* things he did that you consider to be good.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Now take the approach by the student you marked "5" and list *two* things he did wrong.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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### READING AND INTERPRETING MAPS, GLOBES, CHARTS AND GRAPHS

**Skill I:** Given a state, national, or world map, the student will identify responses that indicate a correct interpretation of the maps, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives test.

**Skill II:** Given a globe, the student will identify responses that indicate a correct interpretation of the globe, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a chart, the student will identify responses that indicate a correct interpretation of the chart, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Below is a map of the United States. On the basis of this map, answer the following questions.

What is the approximate distance between Chicago and New York?

- 100 miles
- 150 miles
- 300 miles
- 900 miles
- 2000 miles

Would you say the town of Leadville, Colorado is,

- located in lowlands
- located in the mountains
- located on a high plateau
- located in a desert
- located on a prairie

### Skill II:

1. In answering the following questions, refer to the globe:

Which has the northernmost point?

- Alaska
- Russia
- Canada
- Iceland
- Greenland

### Skill III:

1. Read the following chart and answer the questions:

According to this chart, the production of steel in the United States was greatest in 1956. True or False.

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill IV:** Given a graph, the student will identify responses that indicate a correct interpretation of the graph, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

**Skill I:** Given any particular school activity or segment of learning, the student will identify the relationship between that activity or learning and what he would like to do or will do outside of school or after graduation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of activities, life styles, or occupational duties outside of the immediate school environment, the student will identify school activities and learning that may be related to those, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. Read the following chart and answer the questions.

According to this graph, the greatest war casualties occurred in which war?

- \_\_\_ World War I
- \_\_\_ World War II
- \_\_\_ Civil War
- \_\_\_ Spanish-American War
- \_\_\_ Korean War

**Skill I:**

1. Make a list of various things you have learned or activities you have taken part in in school over the past year. For each item on your list think of how that learning or activity may in some way relate to something you would like to do outside of school — or something you probably will do when you leave school. Discuss this with others.

You may find some of the things you have listed do not seem to have any relationship with or relevance to anything outside of school. Perhaps if you cannot identify such a relationship, others can. Or it is possible that some of your school activities and learnings do not have an apparent relevance to what you think you will do in the future.

**Skill II:**

1. Try to think what you would like to be doing ten years from now. Consider the life style you hope to have, the job you would like to hold, the responsibilities you probably will be expected to sustain, and so on. Now think of the skills, competencies, and knowledge you will need in regard to this projection into the future. In what ways is your present experience in school preparing you for what you think you will need at some future time?

# SOCIAL STUDIES 7-9

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### OCCUPATIONAL CLUSTERS

**Skill I:** Given a selection of occupations, the student will group those occupations into various categories and explain the reasons for this grouping, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given the United States Office of Education list of occupational clusters, the student will identify occupations that would be appropriate to the various clusters, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. Make a list of 75 jobs. Think of jobs of as much variety as you can. Now group the jobs in various categories that you may be able to think of. Give a reason for each of your groupings. Then label each grouping. For example, you might group doctor, nurse, X-ray technician together because they all are in the area of health. The label for this group might be "Health Occupations."

**Skill II:**

1. Below is a list of occupational clusters, as prepared by the U.S. Office of Education:
  - A. Agriculture-Natural Resources
  - B. Fine Arts-Humanities
  - C. Communications and Media
  - D. Construction
  - E. Distribution and Marketing
  - F. Health
  - G. Marine Science
  - H. Hospitality and Recreation
  - I. Manufacturing
  - J. Office and Business
  - K. Personal Service
  - L. Transportation
  - M. Environmental Control
  - N. Public Service
  - O. Consumer and Homemaking

Describe what you think is meant by each of these categories or clusters.

Now consider the jobs listed below. Place them in what you would consider to be the appropriate occupational cluster.

- |                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| ___ teacher      | ___ Avon lady        |
| ___ farmer       | ___ dental hygienist |
| ___ store clerk  | ___ brick layer      |
| ___ truck driver | ___ beautician       |
| ___ actor        | ___ engineer         |
| ___ motel owner  | ___ mailman          |
| ___ sailor       | ___ Congressman      |
| ___ secretary    |                      |

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### MAKING CAREER CHOICES

**Skill I:** Given a full description of a particular occupational area, the student will identify the degree to which he considers the job appropriate to his needs, abilities, interests, life style, and goals, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### RESPECT FOR VARIOUS OCCUPATIONAL AREAS

**Skill I:** Given a particular occupational area, the student will identify the various ways workers in that area contribute to the well-being of others and the social good, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given the concept of "respect for all kinds of workers," the student will identify various reasons why this concept is appropriate in a democratic society, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### JOB INTERVIEWS

**Skill I:** Given an opportunity to observe a person, particularly a young person, taking part in a job interview, the student will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the interviewee's conduct within that interview, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

#### Skill I:

1. Gather as much information as possible on a particular job that you think might be of interest to you. Then consider whether or not you would be interested in holding the job on the basis of such factors as: your interest, your abilities, your skills, test results that may be available (interest batteries, value scales, etc.), your performance record in various areas, your life style, your value system, and so on. Then go through the same process with other occupations.

#### Skill I:

1. Select an occupation from the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*. List the ways persons who work at that occupation contribute to the well-being of others.
2. Select a variety of occupations, both professional and non-professional, higher-paying and lower-paying. Discuss the comparative ways that all of the occupations contribute to the well-being of others and to society.

#### Skill II:

1. In a democracy, it has been said, the work that all persons do should be considered worthy of respect. Discuss why this idea is valid.

#### Skill I:

1. Show a film of a young person taking part in a job interview or conduct a simulated job interview. Then have the student discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the interviewee's conduct during the interview. It may be possible to present the student with a checklist of things to look for in evaluating the interview, and he would be expected to rate the interviewee on the basis of each item on the list.

**Skill II:** Placed in an actual or simulated interview situation, the student will demonstrate an ability to conduct himself adequately within that situation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## GEOGRAPHIC INFLUENCES ON PEOPLE

**Skill I:** Given a description of a certain group of people, either hypothetical or real, and a choice of a number of inferences that might be made about the geographic conditions in which those people live, the student will choose the most likely inferences at an appropriate level of competency, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

2. Show the student a film depicting the same person conducting a series of interviews with applicants for a certain job. Then have the students discuss the varying quality of the interviewees' conduct within the interviews.

**Skill II:**

1. Have the students take part in a variety of job interview situations. Critique his conduct within the interview on the basis of some agreed upon criteria.

**Skill I:**

1. The people in this small country have seldom been attacked by other countries, and they most typically remain neutral in times of war, even when countries around them are at war. Most of the citizens speak several languages. The workers tend to be skilled craftsmen, and international bankers are located in all of the major cities. The country has little heavy industry. Tourists bring a great deal of money into the country year round. Several large universities are located in this country.

Would you say this country probably is:

- A. Very mountainous, or  
 B. Very flat?

Would you say this country probably is located:

- A. In a very populous part of the world, or  
 B. Is in a very remote, isolated part of the world?

Would you say that this country probably is:

- A. A South Sea island, or  
 B. A European nation?

Would you say this country probably has:

- A. Large deposits of coal and oil, or  
 B. Few deposits of coal and oil?

Would you say this country probably has:

- A. A very harsh, intemperate climate, or  
 B. A pleasant climate?

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

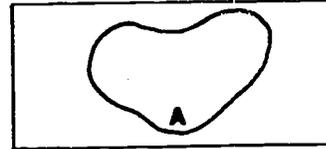
**Skill II:** Given a map of a hypothetical region that indicates terrain, bodies of water, river systems, neighboring areas, latitude and longitude, and given a description of the physical resources of that area (minerals, etc.), the student will be able to write a description of the people of that area, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a description of the geographic conditions of a country, the student will identify how these conditions have affected that country, particularly its social structure, its economy, its foreign policy, and its culture, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Study the following map and consider especially point A. What might you conclude about the people at this point, on the basis of their geography?



I conclude that the people who would live at Point A:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

I draw this conclusion because of the following geographic conditions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Skill III:**

1. Read about the country of Israel, and particularly take note of its geography. What effects has the geography of this country had on its:
  - A. Social Structure
  - B. Economy
  - C. Foreign Policy
  - D. Culture

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill IV:** Given a description of how people have altered the geographic conditions in which they live, the student will identify how the people's lives may have been affected by that alteration, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

**Skill I:** Given a list of some of the more commonly known forms of government and a list of descriptions of these governments, the student will match the two lists, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. The Nile River flows north through Egypt. It is the "lifeblood of Egypt." Almost all Egyptian cities are located along the river. Few Egyptians live far away from the banks of this great river. The Nile empties into the Mediterranean at the northernmost point of Egypt. (See accompanying map.)

Several years ago, a huge dam — the Aswan Dam — was built across the Nile in about the center of Egypt. It had a great effect on the country. Of the following possible effects, check the effects you think were most likely. (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ The dam probably made more power available to the people.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably flooded a great deal of the Egyptian desert, causing some people to lose their homes.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably made people even more proud of their country.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably covered some ancient Egyptian monuments with water.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably caused the Nile to flow from north to south, rather than south to north.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably caused the people of Egypt to change their language.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably allowed for more irrigation projects in Egypt.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably flooded the cities at the mouth of the Nile.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably dried up the streams at the source of the Nile.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably caused more rainfall in Egypt.
- \_\_\_ The dam probably emptied the Mediterranean Sea.

**Skill I:**

1. Following is a list of some of the more commonly known forms of government and a list of descriptions of these governments. Place the letter of the names of the governments with the appropriate description:

- |                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| A. Aristocracy | D. Monarchy  |
| B. Communism   | E. Democracy |
| C. Fascism     | F. Republic  |

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a description of the governmental system of a particular country, either mythical or real, the student will choose from a list of types of government that type of government that is most closely exemplified in the description, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Placed in a group directed to devise an activity simulating a particular kind of government, the student will willingly take part in the activity, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- \_\_\_ A form of government controlled by a few persons, usually wealthy noblemen.
- \_\_\_ A political system based on certain ideas of class struggle. The party has dictatorial powers and owns all business and industry.
- \_\_\_ A form of government which centers all power in a single party headed by a dictator.
- \_\_\_ A form of government in which one person who inherits, or is elected to, a throne holds executive power for life.
- \_\_\_ Means rule by the people. It may refer to a form of government or a way of life.
- \_\_\_ A form of government in which the people elect their representatives.

**Skill II:**

1. In a particular country, a king or queen holds a throne, but the throne actually represents very little power. The power is vested in a governing body that is made up of two "houses." Members of both houses are chosen by the people in free elections every four years. A prime minister, also elected by the people, acts as a kind of president and holds office as long as the party he represents receives the majority of the popular vote.

This government may be best described as:  
(Check one.)

- \_\_\_ A Republic
- \_\_\_ A Constitutional Monarchy
- \_\_\_ A Communist State
- \_\_\_ A Socialist State
- \_\_\_ A Fascist State

**Skill III:**

1. The teacher will ask the students to form into small groups, and each group will be asked to organize an activity that would simulate a particular form of government. Other students may be asked to guess which form of government is being simulated. The teacher and/or the observer will evaluate each student on his willingness to take part and on the appropriateness of his behavior in the simulation, in terms of the role he is expected to play.

# SOCIAL STUDIES 7-9

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill IV:** Given a list of national, state and local problems, and also given a list of national, state and local governmental agencies and departments, the student will identify which agencies and departments may most effectively deal with the various given problems, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill IV:

1. Read the following list of governmental agencies and departments. Some are national, some are state, and some are local. Then consider the problems that are listed below. Which of the agencies or departments might be most actively involved in dealing with these problems? (Letters may be used more than once, if you wish.)

- A. U.S. Dept. of Labor
- B. U.S. Dept. of the Interior
- C. Interstate Commerce Commission
- D. Dept. of Health, Education, Welfare
- E. City Street Department
- F. Local Board of Education
- G. City Hall
- H. State Council for the Arts
- I. Dept. of Defense
- J. State Supreme Court
- K. State Board of Education
- L. State Legislature
- M. Federal Communication Commission
- N. State Highway Dept.
- O. State Treasury
- P. Drain Commission
- Q. State Health Department

- \_\_\_ Would deal with national problems of unemployment.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with repairs needed on the streets of the town.
- \_\_\_ Would design and build the highways connecting such cities as Detroit, Flint, Lansing, and the Mackinac Bridge.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of national parks.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of the dance, theatre, and music at the state level.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with an appeal from a lower court.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of television and radio system.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of sewers.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of the U.S. military forces.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of state finance and the state budget
- \_\_\_ Would deal with the problem of hiring and paying teachers.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of Medicare and national health programs
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems of state aid to schools.
- \_\_\_ Would deal with problems concerning rules and regulations governing trade between states.

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### CONSTITUTIONAL BASES AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS

**Skill I:** Given a list of quotations from or sections of the United States Constitution, a state constitution, and a local city charter, the student will identify which is from the National Document, which from a state constitution, and which is from a city charter, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of an action typically taken by the governing body of a city, a state, or the Federal Government, the student will identify which level of government is most probably being described, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill I:

1. Which of the following quotations is most likely to be (or is) from a local charter, which from a state constitution, and which from the Federal Constitution?

— The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools . . . . Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color, or national origin.

— . . . shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people . . .

— The Council will have the right to levy on the people a tax for the purposes of garbage pick-up and for the sanitation and health facilities of the people . . .

### Skill II:

1. Please match each of the following three forms of government with the appropriate description of action it might typically take.

A. Federal      B. State      C. Local

— The governing body discussed the possible means of financing a sewage plant. One member pointed out that at present some sewage was being dumped into the river. The group then moved on to a discussion of several ordinances that perhaps needed to be revised.

— The governing body discussed the distribution of funds to school districts. One member arose and gave a speech decrying the fact that some school districts had a great deal more money to spend on their schools than others, and he said that during the present session, action should be taken to equalize the funds spent on education in various districts.

— The governing body discussed the present Social Security System, and it was finally proposed that Social Security payments should be raised.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Given a selection from the U.S. Constitution, a state constitution, or a local charter, and also given an action taken by an individual or group of individuals within the U.S., within that state, or within that city, the student will identify the legality of that action on the basis of the selection, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Given a quotation from a constitution, either actual or hypothetical, the student will identify laws that may be legal or illegal within that constitution, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. The following Article appears in the U.S. Constitution: "No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law."

Considering this Article, which of the following actions would you say is *unconstitutional*? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_ The country went to war, and in order to provide immediate housing for the recently inducted soldiers, the government sent letters to a large group of citizens indicating that they would be called upon to provide a room for at least one soldier for a short period of time.
- \_\_\_ The country went to war, and in order to provide housing for the recently inducted soldiers, the government asked the citizens of a particular city to volunteer to provide a room for at least one soldier for at least a six-month period of time.
- \_\_\_ The country was at peace, but since the country did not have enough barrack space for the soldiers in the peacetime army, they polled the citizens of a particular area to determine if they would be willing to house a soldier or two for a period of time — at least until proper governmental housing could be found.
- \_\_\_ The country found itself in a grave, emergency situation. Housing was needed immediately for recently inducted soldiers. To meet the crisis, Congress passed an emergency measure which would give the army the right to house some of its soldiers in private homes with the home owner's permission. The measure contained language strongly urging citizens to grant such permission.

**Skill IV:**

1. Let us say a constitution of a state contained the following statement:

"The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools. . . . Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color, or national origin."

# 7-9 SOCIAL STUDIES

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

### CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY, AND OTHER AREAS OF LAW

**Skill I:** Given a quotation from the law, either constitutional, statutory, or otherwise, the student will identify appropriate interpretations of that law, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

Of the following possible laws, which one would be considered *constitutional* on the basis of this statement? (Check one.)

- A law that would require families with an income of over \$20,000 to pay so much for their child to attend public schools.
- A law that would make it unlawful for children from families that practice a strange and un-Christian religion to attend the public schools.
- A law that would permit school districts to exclude children whose grandparents were born in a country that the U.S. was at war with.
- A law that would allow families to send their children to private schools if they should wish to.
- A law that turned all state responsibilities, both financial and otherwise, over to local districts.

**Skill I:**

1. Quoted below is the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution:

Now consider the following statements that indicate the rights guaranteed in this amendment to the criminally accused. Which of the listed rights is *not* guaranteed in this amendment? (Check one.)

- the right to a lawyer.
  - the right to a jury trial
  - the right to an impartial jury
  - the right to a speedy trial
  - the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses
  - the right to have witnesses subpoenaed
  - the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation
  - the right of a minor to be exempt from prosecution
2. The law defined negligent conduct as doing an act that a reasonable and prudent man would not do or failing to act when a reasonable and prudent man would act.

Considering this law, which of the following persons would be *least* likely to be held liable?

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a list of statements which either accurately reflect or do not actually reflect a person's rights under either Constitutional or statutory law, the student will identify the statements as being either correct or incorrect, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## POWER

Given a description of a social unit or organization, or given a description of various societies, institutions or nations, either past or present, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify the person of power and/or the power structure within the unit, organization, society, institution, or nation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- A man who threw stones in a swimming pool where people were swimming and hit someone on the head.
- A man who was driving 30 m.p.h., which is below the speed limit, in an area where children were playing. A child, chasing a ball, ran into the road and was hit.
- A man riding a bicycle along a residential sidewalk ran into a lady and knocked her down.
- A man who parked his car on a steep hill and didn't set his emergency brake. When he was gone, the car started to roll down the hill and hit a person.
- A man driving 40 m.p.h. on a country road hit a child who darted out into the road from behind some bushes.

## Skill II:

1. According to your understanding of the law, mark the following statements *true* or *false*.

- A person has a right to a trial by jury, no matter how minor his offense.
- One part of the "due process" proceedings is being informed of the nature and cause of one's accusation.
- If a person has not been formally charged with the offense, a conviction could later be reversed on this basis.
- A verbal agreement between two persons is enforceable in court. (Verbal means non-written.)
- The law says that a dealer may not sell a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with properly lighted brakes and lights.

## Skill I:

1. Read about several social groups, both in the past and present, American or otherwise. What small groups or what individuals within the group seem to have the greatest power? Are there general statements you could make about those who seem to hold the power in various groups?

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Identify the sources of those persons' or that structures' power, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Identify means that have been used or could be used to influence those persons of power or that power structure, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Given a list of statements concerning the concept of "power," the student will identify those statements that seem to be the more accurate, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## ECONOMIC SYSTEMS

**Skill I:** Given a list of some of the major economic systems and a list containing a description of each, the student will be able to apply the descriptions to the correct system, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Consider the power groups or persons of power that you identified above. What were their sources of power? Make a list of the sources of power in the various groups you examined. Are there certain common sources of power, or do persons of power and structures of power come by that power in totally different ways?

**Skill III:**

1. Identify a power structure or persons of power in your community, nation, or school. Let us assume that you wish to have some influence on those persons or structures of power. What are some ways you could go about having some influence?

**Skill IV:**

1. Below are some statements about power. Indicate those that you would consider to be true. (Check as many as you wish.)
  - Those in power are usually willing to voluntarily give up their power.
  - The real power structure of a community is oftentimes not highly visible.
  - In the United States, it would generally be agreed that absolute power is undesirable.
  - Wealth is usually not associated with power.
  - Sources of power tend to vary from historical era to historical era.
  - The poor are usually not a highly powerful group in societies.
  - The power structure of a community usually cannot be influenced by the people.

**Skill I:**

1. Following are four types of economic systems. Place the letters of these systems in the blanks. Letters may be used more than once.

- A. Socialism
- B. Communism
- C. Capitalism
- D. Fascism

Under this system, the government owns and operates such important industries as steel, coal, and the railroads. Some

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill II:** Given a list of economic systems and a list of strengths and weaknesses of those systems, the student will place the strengths and weaknesses under the most appropriate heading, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- businesses and smaller industries may be privately owned, however.
- \_\_\_ Under this system, business and industry are privately owned.
  - \_\_\_ This system is based on the idea that the government owns virtually all productive resources, and the people have relatively little control over governmental policies.
  - \_\_\_ This system combines dictatorship with private ownership.
  - \_\_\_ Under this system, although the government owns major business and industry, the people usually have a right to protest governmental policy.
  - \_\_\_ This system is sometimes called the "Free Enterprise system."
  - \_\_\_ This system is sometimes associated with the governmental policy of "laissez-faire."
  - \_\_\_ This system usually implies the control of wages and prices and the planning of rates of economic growth.
  - \_\_\_ Great Britain, Sweden, and India have this system, at least partially.
  - \_\_\_ Russia and China are the largest countries that have this system.

### Skill II:

1. Following are three types of economic systems. Place the letters of these systems before the appropriate strengths and/or weakness.

#### A. Capitalism B. Socialism C. Communism

- \_\_\_ It allows for a great deal of individual incentive and ingenuity.
- \_\_\_ Those who are less able to compete economically sometimes get left far behind.
- \_\_\_ It may create rather large gaps between the have's and have-not's, unless governmental controls are built in.
- \_\_\_ It tends to insure that all citizens will have equal access to services, such as health services.
- \_\_\_ It may undermine individual initiative — at least economically.
- \_\_\_ It may deprive people of individual freedoms.
- \_\_\_ It tends to make it difficult to promote programs of long-range planning.
- \_\_\_ It tends to make programs of governmental planning quite possible.
- \_\_\_ It tends to be associated with a great deal of personal freedom.
- \_\_\_ It tends to allow for small business incentives, although it tends to discourage big business freedom.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

**Skill III:** Placed in a group exercise simulating an economic system, or a portion of that system, the student will take part in the exercise, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**Skill I:** Given a description of various consumer choices (i.e., various consumer products), the student will identify the more judicious choices on the basis of defined needs, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. The Joint Council of Economic Education, for examples, publishes such games as "Market Game" (7-9) and "Marketplace" (9 to adult), which would be useful to the teacher in terms of the objective. Evaluation techniques are usually included.

**Skill I:**

1. Mrs. R. buys a great deal of cereal because she has three young children; so, she wants the best buy for her money. At the grocery store she is trying to decide whether to buy one of four sizes of the kind of cereal her children like. Under each size the price of each size is listed, as well as the unit price. These are as follows:
  - A. Super Size: (give price and unit price marking)
  - B. Giant Size: (give price and unit price marking)
  - C. Large Size: (give price and unit price marking)
  - D. Regular Size: (give price and unit price marking)

Which would you say is the best buy for the money? \_\_\_\_

2. Mrs. O. lives alone. She is getting very old, but she still manages to fix her own meals. She is on quite a strict budget. One problem she has is that food often spoils before she has a chance to eat it all. She is considering buying one of three sizes of cans of stew. Which do you think is the best buy for her, on the basis of the unit prices listed below:

- A. Extra large can: (give price and unit price)
- B. Medium can: (give price and unit price)
- C. Small can: (give price and unit price)

Which do you think is the best buy for Mrs. O?  
\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_

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3. Mrs. K. is buying cereal for her children. She wants a cereal that gives them as much nutritional value as possible. She reads through the labels on five boxes of cereal. Which do you think is the one she should buy? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Although he has wondered if he can really afford one, Mr. Jones has finally decided to buy a snowmobile. He knows exactly the kind of snowmobile he wants and he has found this kind at three separate stores. He now has to decide which of the three stores he should buy his snowmobile at. Following are some factors he may want to consider before he makes a final decision. Check *three* you think are the more important considerations:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the varying distances from his home to the three stores
- \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of the three snowmobiles
- \_\_\_\_\_ the attractiveness of the three showrooms
- \_\_\_\_\_ the kind of repair services and guarantees the three stores offer
- \_\_\_\_\_ since Mr. Jones is buying on-time, the interest rate the three stores charge
- \_\_\_\_\_ the friendliness of the clerks
- \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of snow they have gotten in his town that week
- \_\_\_\_\_ the number of years the three stores have been in business in that town
- \_\_\_\_\_ the number of times he has seen the stores advertised on TV
- \_\_\_\_\_ the number of other snowmobiles the stores have in stock

5. Mr. T. wants to borrow \$200. He goes to three places that loan money. Each offers him a slightly different contract in terms of the arrangements. Which of the three contracts seems to be the best? (Check one.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Contract A: (Describe in terms of interest rates.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contract B: (Describe in terms of interest rates.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contract C: (Describe in terms of interest rates.)

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**Skill II:** Given a description of various consumer needs that may call for consumer complaints or services, the student will identify the more effective means of making the complaints or obtaining the services, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## INSURANCE POLICIES, CREDIT CARD AGREEMENTS, AND LOAN AGREEMENTS

**Skill I:** Given a standard insurance policy, a credit card agreement, or a loan agreement, the student will correctly identify the terms of those agreements, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill II:**

1. If you bought a poor product, which of the following would you say would be the *most* effective and the *least* effective way to get the company who made the product to improve it? Mark the most with an "M", the least with an "L".
  - \_\_\_ Call the store where you bought it and make your gripe known.
  - \_\_\_ Write an angry letter to the company and tell them you will never buy their products again.
  - \_\_\_ Write a letter to the company explaining why you did not like their product.
  - \_\_\_ Organize a group of persons who have been dissatisfied with the same product and list your complaints with the company itself and the Better Business Bureau.
  - \_\_\_ Throw the product away and promise yourself you'll never buy from that company again.
  - \_\_\_ Find several other people who have bought the product and get them all to agree not to buy any more products made by that company.

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a quotation from a standard automobile insurance policy. Read the document carefully.

Now answer the following questions *true* or *false*.

- \_\_\_ If the person holding this policy were to injure another person in an accident, the policy holder's insurance would pay up to \$20,000 in damages to the injured person.
- \_\_\_ In case of a collision involving the policy holder and another car, if the person holding this policy was at fault, his insurance would *not* cover his damages.
- \_\_\_ According to the terms of this policy, if passengers riding in the policy holder's car are injured in an accident, each would receive up to \$500 in damages.
- \_\_\_ If the holder of this policy needs to be towed, towing expenses up to \$25 will be covered.

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### URBAN PROBLEMS

Skill I: Given the concept of "urban living," the student will identify both the problems of urban areas, as well as the benefits of these areas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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— If the holder of this policy is involved in an accident with an uninsured driver, this policy will cover him for damages.

2. Have the students bring various credit card agreements to class. Compare their terms. Or prepare a teacher-made test on the basis of a particular credit card agreement. Students might be expected to pass such a test with a certain degree of competency.

### Skill I:

1. Large cities today have many problems. But they are good places to live too, and many people wouldn't live anywhere but in a big city.

Below are listed some good and not so good aspects of big cities. Mark the *ten* items you consider to be the most severe problem areas with a minus sign. Mark the *ten* items you consider to be the best parts of living in a city with a plus. The others leave blank.

- overcrowded conditions
- much poverty
- home of famous ball teams
- decaying buildings
- movement of middle income people to suburbs
- great restaurants of many different types
- many different things to do
- interesting and famous people tend to live in cities
- many kinds of stores, including great department stores and many small specialty shops
- polluted air
- absent landlords, sometimes called "slum landlords"
- high prices for everything
- lack of pleasant, adequate housing
- inadequate mass transportation
- people's housing torn down to make way for freeways
- great newspapers
- excitement of being in the midst of many activities and happenings
- many different kinds of people
- many job opportunities
- great colleges and universities
- lots of theatres and other kinds of entertainment

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**Skill II:** Given a particular urban problem, the student will identify possible solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- \_\_\_ high crime rate
- \_\_\_ inadequate law protection
- \_\_\_ lack of tax support for public institutions
- \_\_\_ bureaucratic tie-ups make services hard to get
- \_\_\_ center of great businesses
- \_\_\_ great libraries
- \_\_\_ artists and creative people tend to live in cities
- \_\_\_ relatively more freedom to "do one's own thing"
- \_\_\_ tension and sometimes violence between individuals and groups

2. Select a major problem confronting large cities today. Locate as much information as you can on the problem. What conditions have brought about this problem? Do all major cities have this problem?

### Skill II:

1. One major problem facing large cities is lack of an adequate tax base to support such public institutions as the schools. Sometimes the cities find they have almost no money left to support their schools. Below are some possible solutions to this problem. Indicate *two* solutions you think would be the more possible; *two* that you think would be the least possible.

Mark your two best solutions with a plus sign. Mark your two poorest solutions with a minus sign.

- \_\_\_ The cities could keep having elections to get the people to vote higher taxes.
- \_\_\_ The expenses of educating the children of the whole state could be spread around the whole state, so that everyone in the state would help support the big city schools.
- \_\_\_ Schools could be closed down for several years until enough money accumulated to pay for them again.
- \_\_\_ Cities could get loans from state and federal governments.
- \_\_\_ All extras could be eliminated from the curriculum, like all sports, gym programs, special assemblies, etc.
- \_\_\_ Students could be made to pay for their education.
- \_\_\_ People could be forced to move to other places to cut-down on the school population.
- \_\_\_ The state and federal governments could take over all the schools.

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**Skill III:** Given the solution to certain urban problems, the student will identify possible consequences of these solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

**Skill I:** Given the concept of "environmental problems," the student will identify specific problematic areas, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill III:**

1. Let us say that in terms of the above problem, the last solution listed above was adopted. That is, the state took over the city schools entirely. Following are some possible consequences of this solution. Check those you think to be the most probable consequences. Leave the others blank.

- Teacher would get paid at least twice as much.
- The state would have more to say about how the schools were run.
- The state government would increase in size.
- The city would have less to say about how the schools were run.
- People from other parts of the state may object to supporting city schools through their tax dollars.
- Population of the cities would dramatically decrease.
- More Latin and English would be offered in the schools.
- The quality of the education in cities would greatly improve.
- A strain would be put on state finances.
- People in the cities would object to a loss of local control.
- "Racial problems" in the cities would immediately disappear.

2. Study each of the proposed solutions listed above. Take each one individually and think of probable consequence if it was to be put into effect. List as many consequences for each as you can think of.

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a list of some problem areas in regard to environmental problems. Read them carefully. Then read the list of things that may be related to these problem areas. Place at least *two* letters in the blanks that precede each area. Letters may be used more than once. Fill in all blanks. All letters should be used at least once.

- Air pollution
- Water pollution
- Noise pollution

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- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ "Sight" pollution
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Problem of solid waste disposal
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Ecological imbalance
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ "Rape of the land"

- A. Factories smokestacks emitting smoke uncontrolled
- B. Loudspeakers in public places
- C. Billboards and signs
- D. Radios turned on very loud
- E. Rats and cockroaches
- F. Ugly buildings
- G. Automobile exhaust fumes
- H. Garbage dumps near public highways
- I. Insecticide sprays
- J. Death of wildlife creatures
- K. Dumping waste in rivers and lakes
- L. Cars, buses and trucks
- M. Burning trash
- N. Strip mining
- O. Building housing development on wooded hillsides
- P. Loss of open spaces

2. Think of some environment problems in your area or in other areas that you know about. Make a list of all the problems you can think of.

**Skill II:** Given a particular environmental problem, the student will identify possible solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:**

1. Let us say that in a particular town the major industry is a particular factory. Almost all of the people depend directly or indirectly on this factory. However, the factory seriously pollutes the air in the town. The people in the town decide that something has to be done.

Of the following possible solutions, which do you think are the more feasible ones? (Check no more than two.)

- \_\_\_ The people who own the factory could raise the prices on their product just enough to pay for anti-pollution devices.
- \_\_\_ The factory could close down.
- \_\_\_ The factory could move to another town that won't mind the pollution.
- \_\_\_ The factory could ignore the problem and go on as before.
- \_\_\_ The factory could hire people to study the problem of anti-pollution devices, and maybe such devices could be installed without huge expense.

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**Skill III:** Given possible solutions to environmental problems, the student will identify possible consequences, both favorable and unfavorable, of such solutions, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- The factory could hire public relations people to convince the people that pollution wasn't such a bad problem.
- The owners of the factory could agree to cut down on their profit and use the difference for pollution control techniques.
- The owners of the factory could change to another product — one that would not involve so much pollution.
- The people of the town could burn the factory down.

2. Study the list of environmental problems you made. Now think of possible solutions to these problems. Consider all kinds of solutions, both good ones and possibly poor ones. Then decide which solutions you think would be the more possible.

### Skill III:

1. A certain part of the state was heavily wooded and very beautiful and natural. Many people came to see the natural beauty of the area. One day a valuable deposit of iron ore was discovered in the area. Some people wanted the ore to be mined. Others said it would spoil the area.

Let us assume that a mine did open up in the area. Following are some possible consequences. Mark those you would consider favorable consequences with an "F"; those that are unfavorable with a "U". Some may not be consequences at all. Leave those blank.

- More jobs became available to the people in the area.
- The iron ore discovered was a very high grade ore.
- The natural beauty of the area was somewhat spoiled.
- The mine began to fill the air of the area with smoke and fumes.
- Business in the nearby towns began to pick up.
- The nation's need for more iron ore was somewhat more met by the new supply of ore.
- Tourists began to stay away from the area.
- The town became divided into two hostile groups: those that liked the mine, and those that didn't.

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### HISTORIOGRAPHY

**Skill I:** Given an historian's account of a particular historical event, the student will be able to choose from a list of values, attitudes, and feelings possibly held by that historian, those values, attitudes, and feelings that are most likely held by him, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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- The area was previously well-known for its lumber industry.
- The company that discovered the ore was called the Heath-Cliff Mining Company.

2. Now look at the various solutions to the problems you listed previously. Consider the consequences of these solutions. Indicate which consequences may be favorable, which unfavorable.

### Skill I:

1. Following is an account of a particular battle in the Civil War:

(present account)

Indicate which of the following the historian tends to reveal about himself in this account:

- The historian who wrote this account seems to be generally anti-war.
- He seems to be biased in favor of the South.
- He seems to be biased in favor of the North.
- He seems to be quite unbiased.
- He seems to have a certain feeling for the "glories of the war."
- He seems to believe that once battles begin, they are beyond anyone's control, even the commanders'.
- He seems to have a certain scorn for the officers in charge of an army.
- He seems to be more interested in the mental processes of the individual soldier in battle than with the logistics and strategies of battle.
- He seems to be concerned about the moral issues of war.
- He seems to be writing for military specialists rather than for the general reader.

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**Skill II:** Given a number of accounts of a particular historical event, the student will be able to choose which account suggests various biases that may be held by the authors of the accounts, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a set of data about a particular event, either hypothetical or actual, the student will demonstrate an ability to write two accounts of the event, one suggesting a bias in one direction, the other suggesting a bias in another, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Given a group of statements concerning various aspects of historiography, the student will identify those that are true statements and those that are not, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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### Skill II:

1. Following are three brief accounts of the treaty of \_\_\_\_\_.

Account A      Account B      Account C

Indicate which of the three accounts best answers the following:

- Which account seems to have been written by an historian who favored Side B?
- Which account seems to have been written by an historian who favors Side A?
- Which account would you say is the most objective?
- Which account seems to have been written by someone who questions the fairness of the treaty?
- Which account seems to have been written by an historian soon after the event?
- Which account seems to have been written for a textbook?

### Skill III:

1. Following are two sets of data concerning the Sons of Liberty and their involvement in events leading to the Boston Tea Party. Write two accounts of the Tea Party, one from the standpoint of a Britisher or a Loyalist living in America, the other from the viewpoint of an American Patriot.

### Skill IV:

1. Following are some statements about historians and the way they write history. Indicate those that are true, those that are false.
  - T F 1. Historical accounts about what happened in the past reflect the views and biases of the writer.
  - T F 2. Some historical accounts are more objective than others, but there is no such thing as a completely objective history.
  - T F 3. Historians are influenced in the way they write about the past by the values and biases of the society and era they are a part of.

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- T F 4. It is possible that an account of an historical event that was written in 1930 might differ in many ways from an account that was written in 1970.
- T F 5. Many of the great historians have certain theories about history, and these theories influence the way they view the past.
- T F 6. Most accounts of the past are pretty much the same, regardless of what historians write them.
- T F 7. Facts are facts, and if an historian sticks with the facts, his accounts of the past will be pretty much like the accounts of other historians who stick to the facts.
- T F 8. Children in Canada and Mexico get about the same view of American history from their textbooks as children in the United States do in their textbooks.
- T F 9. Great historians are in very close agreement about the way things happened in the past.
- T F 10. In history, a "primary source" is a document written by someone who was actually present at a particular event. A "secondary source" is written by someone who has studied the event, but wasn't actually there.

Note: Other objectives may be achieved through the use of history material. For example, the objectives dealing with values, feelings, generalizations, cause and effect relationships, making predictions and inferences, analyzing statements, analyzing social science modes, discussing the concept of change and various racial and ethnic contributions — all of these, and others, may be placed in the context of a study of history.

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

Skill I: Given a contemporary development in the arts and humanities, the student will choose from a list of possible roots of that development a choice which is most clearly an actual root of that development, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### Skill I:

1. Much modern art is called "non-objective," which means that it does not realistically portray a subject in the way a photograph or a realistic painting does. Some non-objective modern paintings are masses of colors and lines.

Following are a group of statements concerning non-objective modern art. Choose the ones

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**Skill II:** Given a particular contemporary development in the arts and humanities and a list of possible roots of that development, the student will arrange those roots in the correct chronological order, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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which indicate a *historical root* of this kind of art.

- Modern art seems to have come about because of modern man's confusion and uncertainty about his place in the universe.
- Modern art evolved from earlier painters who attempted to relay their feelings about things rather than simply copy the subject accurately.
- Modern art has no roots; it is distinctly modern.
- Modern art means that modern artists simply don't have the technical skills to paint subjects realistically.
- Artists often still paint realistic pictures.
- Modern art was the result of the discovery of the camera; that is, after the camera was discovered, artists no longer felt they had to depict their subjects realistically. The camera could do that.
- Many people don't like modern art.

**Skill II:**

1. Some music theorists say that of the various kinds of music we enjoy in this country, jazz is the most distinctly American. It is well known that American jazz has its roots in history, particularly Black history. Following is a list of what some of those roots may be. Indicate the order that you would arrange them in to show how jazz grew from early beginnings to its present state of development. Number the earliest root "1", the next "2", and so on, up to "6".
  - Movement of jazz up the Mississippi River.
  - Movement of many Blacks to New Orleans after the Civil War.
  - Life of the slaves on the plantations and farms of the Old South.
  - Ancient African rhythms.
  - The effect of jazz on many kinds of musical forms, including symphonies.
  - The spread of the jazz idiom in the North.

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**Skill III:** Given a particular contemporary development in the arts of humanities and a period of time in which to conduct library or field research, the student will demonstrate an ability at an appropriate level of competence to describe the historical roots of that development, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill IV:** Given a description of a certain society, either contemporary or historical, the student will identify valid assumptions one might make about the nature of the works in the arts and humanities that may have been produced by that society, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill V:** Given selections of works from the arts and humanities, the student will identify valid assumptions one might make about the society that produced such works, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill III:**

1. Modern jazz is a distinctly American kind of music. But jazz as we know it today has its roots in the past. Within a week's period of time, be prepared to present either in written or oral form a description of the "historical roots of jazz." Your paper will be rated on a five-point scale. If you trace the roots of jazz back to very early sources, you may receive a "1". If you do not trace any of the roots of jazz, you will receive a "5".

**Skill IV:**

1. The Medieval years in what is now Europe was an age dominated by the Church. The Church was the most powerful of all institutions at that time, and the historian Will Durant has called these years: "The Age of Faith." Indeed, in some ways life during these centuries seemed to focus more on "the next world" than the present one.

Below are pictures of famous art works. Which ones do you think were produced during the Medieval years? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ a reproduction of Cimabue's "The Madonna of the Angels"
- \_\_\_ a picture of Chartres
- \_\_\_ a reproduction of a Jackson Pollack
- \_\_\_ a reproduction of Monet's "Sunflowers"
- \_\_\_ a reproduction of Degas' "Rehearsal on the Stage"
- \_\_\_ a picture of one of the statues of a saint from the Notre Dame portal
- \_\_\_ a picture of a modern sculpture made out of automobile parts, nuts, bolts, etc.
- \_\_\_ a picture of Venus de Milo
- \_\_\_ a reproduction of Seurat's "The Circus"

**Skill V:**

1. Below is a reproduction of a well-known painting that now hangs in the Louvre in Paris. It was painted by an artist called Cimabue and is called "The Madonna of the Angels."

Check the following statements which you might consider to be true on the basis of this painting. (Check as many as you wish.)

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### THE CONCEPT OF CHANGE

**Skill I:** Given the concept of change, the student will identify those conditions most likely to bring about change, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

- The artist probably lived in a time when people were very religious.
- The artist probably lived at a time when people loved the world of nature and the out-of-doors.
- The artist probably lived at a time that did not seem to value the beauty of the human body.
- The artist seems to have lived at a time of great joy, happiness, and gaiety.
- The artist lived at a time that understood a great deal about how the human body worked and about human anatomy.
- The artist lived in a Christian era.
- The artist lived in a non-Christian world of Moslems and Buddhists.

### Skill I:

1. Great changes have occurred throughout history for many reasons. Of the following possible factors that may have brought about change, which do you think are the more likely to have caused *great* changes? (Mark no more than four.)
  - wars
  - leaders who have wished to maintain the *status quo* (the ways things are at present)
  - newly elected Congresses, Parliaments, and other governing bodies
  - great inventions
  - social unrest and injustice
  - powerful, dynamic leaders
  - earthquakes and storms
  - great depressions and periods of poverty
  - prosperity in business and industry
  - peaceful conditions and quiet times
  - new ideas
2. Think of a particular country that has experienced great change in recent years. Perhaps you might select a country in Africa, the Middle East, China, Japan — or even the United States. What changes have occurred in those countries? What are some of the things that caused these changes to occur?
3. Think of a person you know or have read about whose life has changed a great deal. What conditions caused the change?

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**Skill II:** Given the conditions of change, the student will identify those characteristics of individuals, groups, or institutions that will facilitate adapting to change, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

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**Skill II:**

1. When the Industrial Revolution occurred in Europe (and also in the U.S.), many people who had formerly lived in villages and in the country had to move to the large cities to find work. Their small shops were forced out of business by the large factories. Following is a list of men who may or may not have adapted to the change that was imposed upon them. Check the descriptions of men who had the best chance of adapting to the new conditions brought about by the Industrial Revolution. (Check as many as you wish.)

- A man who has one skill and feels he can't learn another.
- A man who had children to support and things the most important thing for him is to get a job so he can do so.
- A man who has never left his village before and is fearful of doing so.
- A man who is "set in his ways" and doesn't like to work for others.
- A man who has traveled a great deal and knows about the world outside of his village.
- A man who has many skills.
- An old man who is highly skilled in only one area of work.
- A young man who is just entering the job market.
- An unskilled man who has never held a job.
- A man who has always gotten along with other people well.
- A man who always likes to learn and do new things.
- A man who never seems to get along with others.

2. In a certain country a flood came and practically wiped out a number of cities. One of the heavily damaged cities was Elmsville; another was Oakville. Below are descriptions of these two cities. Read them carefully.

Before the flood, Elmsville:

- a. was a busy industrial town with many skilled workers.
- b. had adjusted to many changing conditions over the years.

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- c. was considered a wealthy community with a firm "tax base."
- d. had a local government that was widely supported by the people.
- e. had a lot of community spirit.
- f. had an excellent department store filled with a variety of luxurious merchandise.
- g. was known for its lovely elm trees.

Before the flood, Oakville:

- a. was mainly a retirement community
- b. was a very traditional town, little affected by change over the years.
- c. was a rather poor community with a slender "tax base."
- d. had a government that was generally not supported by the people.
- e. had trouble getting various groups to cooperate.
- g. was well-known as the birthplace of one of the U.S. Presidents.
- g. had an excellent football team.

Which of the two towns would you say is the more likely to recover the better from the flood? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the two factors listed about Elmsville seem to be *least* important in their recovery from the flood? \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

Which of the two factors listed about Oakville seem to be *least* important in their recovery from the flood? \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_

3. Think of a time when change has occurred that has affected the lives of many people. What people and institutions affected by that change have adapted the best? The most poorly? Why?

**Skill III:** Given an event that will precipitate change, the student will identify possible and/or probable consequence of that event, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:**

1. Sometimes groups of people, such as the South Sea Islanders, the Eskimos, have suddenly experienced the influx of foreigners — people with totally different ways of life. People like the South Sea Islanders and the Eskimos many times had never seen other people before, and suddenly their lands were filled with them. In a situation like this, what are the more likely

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### TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

**Skill 1:** Given an example of a technological development, the student will identify both benefits and problems that have resulted from that development.

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consequences of such change for these people? (Check as many as you wish.)

- \_\_\_ New diseases are likely to come to these people and many may die.
- \_\_\_ The new people are likely to introduce a confusion of values and life styles, and the people are likely to begin to be unsure of what they believe in.
- \_\_\_ The lives of these people are likely to improve significantly, and they are likely to be much happier and better off.
- \_\_\_ All the people are likely to change their former ways of living pretty much in the same way and to the same degree.
- \_\_\_ Some people are likely to adapt to the new conditions, some are likely to refuse to.
- \_\_\_ Clashes are likely to occur among the people who change their ways to be like the new people and those who don't.
- \_\_\_ The lives of people are likely to be affected a great deal.
- \_\_\_ The lives of the people are likely to not be significantly affected.

2. Think of some great events, discoveries or inventions. What changes occurred because of them?

**Skill 1:**

1. One aspect of technological development has been the development and widespread use of the computer in our society. The computer has resulted in many benefits, but it has caused some problems as well. Below are listed some possible benefits and resulting problems. Indicate what you would consider to be *three problems* and *three benefits* by marking the three problems "P", and the three benefits "B".

- \_\_\_ The computer has meant that many problems that would have been very difficult to solve can now be solved — and quite quickly.
- \_\_\_ The computer has supplied us with a great deal of data that we need to help solve many kinds of questions and problems.
- \_\_\_ "Data banks", in which a great deal of information can be stored on persons, has meant a loss of privacy.

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- Because computers can produce so much data, we sometimes have so much data about questions it is more confusing than helpful.
- Although computers can solve problems with some efficiency, they can not take the moral and ethical aspects of questions into consideration.
- Computers can produce information and solve problems with tremendous speed.
- Computers, unlike persons, can solve problems with a great degree of accuracy.
- When computers do make mistakes, because of some malfunction, the scope and hugeness of the error may create many problems.
- The computers can solve problems, play chess, and even write stories, but they cannot be as truly creative as persons.
- The computers cannot do anything more than they are programmed to do.
- Computers can handle data and solve questions in a completely "objective" way.
- Computers can supply us with data to help us solve difficult social problems.
- When the computers supply information to people, like monthly bills, report cards, and so on, the report tends to be cold and impersonal.

2. Consider a particular development in the technological age, such as the computer, the transistor, the improved car engine, automated factories, more destructive weapons of war, and so on. List what you would consider the benefits and also list what you would consider the problems that such developments have created.

## CONFLICT

Given a conflict situation between individuals, groups of individuals, organizations, or nations, the student will:

Skill 1: Identify sources of the conflict, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

Skill 1:

1. Read the following case study involving conflict in the life of a boy referred to as John.

Case  
Study

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Following is a list of twelve statements that may or may not suggest possible *sources* of conflict in John's life. Check *three* that seem to be the *most likely* sources of the conflict in John's life. Check *three* that seem to be the *least likely* sources of conflict in his life.

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|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| ___ 1. | ___ 4. | ___ 7. | ___ 10. |
| ___ 2. | ___ 5. | ___ 8. | ___ 11. |
| ___ 3. | ___ 6. | ___ 9. | ___ 12. |

2. Read the following description of conflict situations between nations. On the basis of these descriptions, some statements can be made about possible sources of conflict between nations. Mark those that seemed to be the most likely sources of conflict between nations *on the basis of the given descriptions*.

- \_\_\_ 1. Nations often come into conflict because they have longstanding disputes that may date back over many centuries.
- \_\_\_ 2. Nations often come into conflict when there are inequalities of resources among them.
- \_\_\_ 3. Nations often come into conflict when they are engaged in active and mutually beneficial trade with each other.
- \_\_\_ 4. Nations often come into conflict when they are pursuing strongly nationalistic policies.
- \_\_\_ 5. Nations often come into conflict when they are pursuing expansionistic policies.
- \_\_\_ 6. Nations often come into conflict when they have systems of government which are closely similar to each other.
- \_\_\_ 7. Nations often come into conflict when they have basic differences in value systems and national philosophies.
- \_\_\_ 8. Nations often come into conflict when there are great economic differences between them — some being very poor, some being very rich.
- \_\_\_ 9. Nations often come into conflict when they are competing to be the strongest nation of the world.

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**Skill II:** Identify means of resolving the conflict, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

3. Think of groups of individuals that appear to be in conflict in your school. What are the basic reasons for the conflict? If you were to consider other conflict situations between groups — especially groups outside of the school — would the basic reasons for the conflict among these groups be similar to the basic reasons for conflict among the groups in your school? On the basis of comparing various conflict situations between groups, can you make a list of certain reasons for conflict that are basic to many conflict situations.?
4. Think of a conflict in your own life — especially one that seems to have gone on over a long period of time. What are some basic reasons for this conflict? Are the basic reasons similar to the reasons others in your class also experience conflict?

### Skill II:

1. Read again the case study about John. Also consider again some of the sources of his conflict. Can you think of ways that the conflict in his life could be resolved? List them.
2. Below is a list of possible ways that conflict between groups could be resolved. Check what you would consider the better ways of resolving conflict. (Check no more than four.)
  - \_\_\_ Improve the quality of communication between the conflicting groups.
  - \_\_\_ Effect a compromise between the groups so that all of the conflicting groups "give in" to some degree.
  - \_\_\_ Have the groups fight it out so that the strongest wins.
  - \_\_\_ Invite an outside arbiter (person who tries to settle disputes) in to tell the groups which one is the right.
  - \_\_\_ Break up the conflicting groups and re-distribute them in new groups.
  - \_\_\_ Make a list of the basic sources of the conflict.
  - \_\_\_ It is best not to do anything with conflicting groups. Everyone should try to ignore the conflict.
  - \_\_\_ Ask an objective person to come in and help the conflicting groups talk out their differences.

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### WAR AND PEACE

**Skill I:** Given a list containing those factors that may lead to war, as well as those factors that may be conditions of peace, the student will identify those that may lead to war and those that could maintain peace, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill II:** Given a description of a milieu, either mythical or actual, preceding a war, the student will identify those factors that may have caused the war, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

3. Consider the following description of groups in conflict. In this particular case, which of the above-listed ways of resolving conflict would seem to be the most appropriate?

### Skill I:

1. Below is a list of factors that may lead to war or which may preserve the condition of peace. Identify five factors you think would contribute to peace by labeling them "P." Identify five you think might lead to war by "W."

- \_\_\_ poor economic conditions
- \_\_\_ a healthy economy
- \_\_\_ a large military arsenal
- \_\_\_ a delicate "balance of power"
- \_\_\_ mass poverty and social unrest
- \_\_\_ a strong world government
- \_\_\_ over-population
- \_\_\_ international understanding
- \_\_\_ unlimited natural resources
- \_\_\_ a shortage of natural resources
- \_\_\_ desire to increase territory
- \_\_\_ age-old rivalries
- \_\_\_ democratic form of government
- \_\_\_ respect for human life
- \_\_\_ mutual agreement on boundaries between nations
- \_\_\_ secret agreements between nations
- \_\_\_ general prosperity
- \_\_\_ prosperous world trade
- \_\_\_ extremely strong nationalistic spirit

### Skill II:

1. Read the following paragraph:

In the years before the American Revolution, the English Parliament had gained much control of the government from the king. They then passed a series of acts which attempted to show the powers they held over the colonies. The Sugar Act taxed the importation of sugar. They proclaimed a line marking an area east of the Mississippi River which could only be sold by England. They prohibited the printing of paper money and declared that all debts must be paid at the original market value. When the First Continental Congress presented its Declaration of Rights to the English Parliament, it was refused by its members.

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**Skill III:** Given a statement containing a point of view about the basic causes of war, the student will identify that point of view, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

On the basis of the preceding paragraph, which of the following do you think was the *least* likely reason for the American Revolution? (Check one.)

- problems over imports
- problems over taxes
- problems over territorial rights
- problems over the value of money
- problems concerning religious persecution

2. Study the conditions in a particular country preceding a time it went to war. Perhaps you can find a film on the subject. Of the various conditions that you can identify, which of them lead to the war? Study another country just before it had a war. Are some of the conditions leading to war in the first country also to be found in the case of the second country?

**Skill III:**

1. Read the following selection. It is about what causes war. It may be difficult to read, so read it over several times.

"Where do we look for the black gathering cloud of war? Where do we see it rising? Why, from the despotism of the north, where one man weilds the destinies of 40,000,000 of serfs. If we want to know where is the second danger of war and disturbance, it is in that province of Russia — that miserable and degraded country, Austria — next in the stage of despotism and barbarism, and there you see again the greatest danger of war; but in proportion as you find the people governing themselves — as in England, or in France, or in America — there you find that war is not the disposition of the people, and that if the government desire it, the people will put a check upon it."

What does the writer of the above paragraph seem to think is the basic cause of war? (Check one.)

- the people themselves
- governments
- international conspiracies
- communists
- there are no causes of war; it just happens

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**Skill IV:** Given a situation that may lead to a condition of war, either mythical or actual, the student will identify possible positions that might be taken by the United States in relation to the situation, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill IV:**

1. Read the following hypothetical (not real) situation:

A military junta in a Latin-American country has staged a coup d'etat and has ousted a leftist government recently elected by popular vote. The ousted president has fled to the countryside with a group of armed forces which still support him. The junta declares a state of martial law, suspending civil liberties and promising that there will be elections and a return to constitutional government as soon as the situation permits. The generals in the junta also issue a statement that they staged the coup only as a last resort to prevent the country from falling into the hands of the Communists. Fighting soon breaks out throughout the country between the armed forces of the junta and those of the ousted president. The junta states that the president's troops are receiving arms and supplies as well as technical assistance from the troops of a neighboring Communist country. The generals ask the United States to send troops to protect the safety of American citizens and prevent Communist take-over.

Which of the following actions do you think the President, with the consent of Congress, should take? (Check one.)

- The President should send troops to help support the junta.
- The President should send arms and money to help support the junta.
- The President should send troops to help support the deposed government.
- The President should send arms and money to help support the deposed government.
- The President should aid both sides.
- The President should ignore the whole situation and stay out of it.
- The President should send an investigating team to find out more about the matter.
- The President should decide which side would be in the best interests of the United States and support that side.

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**Skill V:** Given various individuals who have promoted the cause of peace, the student will identify similarities and differences in the points of view and approaches taken by these persons, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## COMPARATIVE CULTURES

**Skill I:** Given at least two cultures or subcultures, past or present, American or otherwise, the student will identify similarities and differences between those cultures or sub-cultures, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

- The President should decide which side would be in the best interests of the people of that country and support that side.
- The President should abide by whatever decision on the matter the United Nations may make.

What action other than the above choices might the President take?

(Note: If the student makes a choice or lists another possible action, the objective will be considered reached, regardless of which choice the student makes.)

**Skill V:**

1. Read about the lives of ten Nobel Peace Prize winners. What were their main ideas? How did they go about trying to promote peace? How were the ideas and approaches of the various winners similar and different?

**Skill I:**

1. You will be shown two films: one will be on a primitive group that lives in New Guinea; one will be on a primitive group that lives in Brazil. After you have viewed the films make a list of the similarities and the differences that exist between these two groups. After you have made your first list, you will be shown the films again, and you will have an opportunity to revise your list, if you wish.
2. Gather information on the Americans of Chinese background who live in San Francisco's Chinatown. Also gather information on the Puerto Ricans who live in New York City in Harlem. These two groups may be called examples of American sub-cultures. In what ways are these two groups of people alike? In what ways are they different?
3. Below are two paragraphs that describe the so-called "Western Culture" and the so-called "Eastern Culture." According to these two paragraphs, in what ways are the two cultures alike? In what ways are they different?

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**Skill II:** Given at least two cultures, or sub-cultures, past or present, American or otherwise, the student will identify the reasons, sources, or bases for the similarities or differences that may exist between them, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

**Skill III:** Given a set of statements that deal with the concept of cultural pluralism, particularly as this concept relates to the United States, the student will identify those statements that tend to reflect positively on the concept, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill II:

1. You have seen two films on two primitive "cultures." You have listed the similarities and differences that exist between these two cultures. Can you think of reasons for these similarities and differences?
2. You have identified differences and similarities that exist between the Chinese and Puerto Rican sub-cultures. What factors tend to explain the differences? The similarities?
3. What are the bases for the similarities and differences that exist between the Western and Eastern cultures?

### Skill III:

1. Below are a number of statements that are to be marked *true* or *false*.
  - According to the idea of cultural pluralism, Puerto Ricans who come to America to live should suppress their Puerto Rican ways and become genuine Americans. This means that they should stop speaking Spanish and stop eating un-American food.
  - In the United States, there are many different racial and ethnic groups that have various styles of life. This fact would be considered "good" by a cultural pluralist.
  - The American pluralistic culture allows for many different styles of life, a variety of customs, and numerous forms of behavior.
  - One could describe the American society as a pluralistic one.
  - It is important that when people come to the United States — a pluralistic society — they forget their roots in other countries and become totally American in their customs, foods, and behavior patterns.
  - A country that is pluralistic gains in many ways from the fact that it is made up of many different kinds of people with many different backgrounds and life styles.
  - In a country that is pluralistic, people are allowed — and even encouraged — to live the kind of life they please, as long as it does not interfere with the well-being of others.

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### CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS TO SOCIETY

**Skill I:** Given a list of various racial and ethnic groups, the student will identify a variety of ways in which these groups have enriched the American society, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill I:**

1. Below is a list of various racial and ethnic groups. Below this list is a list of ways in which these groups have enriched the American society, as well as the names of some well-known members of these various groups. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks.

- A. Arabs
- B. Blacks
- C. Chicanos
- D. Czechs
- E. Dutch
- F. Irish
- G. Jews
- H. Native Americans
- I. Orientals
- J. Polish
- K. Puerto Ricans
- L. Swedish
- Etc.

— The names of many American cities and geographic features were derived from these people; they gave us corn, squash, tobacco. They were often highly skilled craftsmen.

— Members of this group are generally credited with initiating the Civil Rights Revolution of the 1960's.

— American jazz has its roots in the heritage of these people.

— Discriminated against the persecuted over the centuries, these people are nonetheless well-known for their humor. Their religion stresses humanitarian concerns.

Etc.

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**Skill II:** Given various areas of human endeavor, such as the arts, sciences, humanities, business, industry, labor, and areas of social service and reform, the student will identify how these areas have been enriched by members of many different racial and ethnic groups, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE

Given a particular social milieu, either past or present, American or otherwise, the student will:

**Skill I:** Identify groups or individuals within that milieu that were (or are) discriminated against and/or suffered (or still suffer) from prejudicial treatment, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Below is a list of various areas of human endeavor. Also listed are some well-known people from various racial and ethnic groups that have made contributions to these areas. Place the letters in the appropriate blanks. Some blanks may have more than one letter.

___ Music	___ Theater
___ Art	___ Journalism
___ Literature	___ Architecture
___ Science	___ Education
___ Social Reform	___ Religion
___ Business	___ Government
___ Industry	___ Sports
___ Labor	

- A. Marcus Garvey (Black)
- B. Caesar Chavez (Chicano)
- C. Leonard Bernstein (Jew)

Etc.

**Skill I:**

1. Read a description of the social system in Ancient Rome (or the Middle Ages, the early-American Colonies, in 16th Century China, etc.). What groups were discriminated against or suffered from some form of prejudicial treatment?
2. Read about the social system in present-day Uganda (or India, England, Russia, Canada, etc.). What groups are discriminated against or suffer some form of prejudicial treatment?
3. Make a list of the various groups that you think are discriminated against in the United States today — or in your community.

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**Skill II:** Identify the nature of the discrimination and prejudice experienced by these so identified groups or individuals, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill II:**

1. Consider the list of groups who were discriminated against and suffered from prejudice in Ancient Rome (or during the Middle Ages, in the early-American Colonies, in 16th Century China, etc.).
  - A. What Factors led to this discrimination?
  - B. What groups discriminated against these people?
  - C. What form did the discriminatory practices take?
  - D. How did the people who were discriminated against react to these practices?
2. Consider the groups that are discriminated against and suffer from prejudice in Uganda today (or India, England, Russia, Canada, etc.).
  - A. What led to the discrimination against these people?
  - B. What groups discriminate against these people most actively?
  - C. What form does the discrimination take?
  - D. How do the people who are discriminated against respond to this treatment?
3. Consider the groups that you feel are discriminated against or suffer from prejudicial treatment in America today.
  - A. What are the sources of this discrimination?
  - B. In what ways are these people most discriminated against?
  - C. What forms do the discriminatory practices take? Are they open? Are they covert? Are they institutional? Are they racist? Are they ethnic? Are they religious?
  - D. How do the people who are discriminated against react to this treatment?
4. Sometimes when people came to the United States from other countries they were discriminated against because of their race or nationality. Which of the following were ways that these people were sometimes discriminated against?
  - \_\_\_ They were sometimes not hired for certain jobs because of their race or nationality.
  - \_\_\_ They sometimes were not allowed to join certain clubs and organizations.
  - \_\_\_ They sometimes were not promoted to higher jobs, and when people had to be fired, they were the first ones to be fired.
  - \_\_\_ They sometimes found it difficult to buy homes in certain parts of the city, even if they could afford to do so.
  - \_\_\_ All of the above were sometimes true.
  - \_\_\_ Three of the above were sometimes true.

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**Skill III:** Identify the means, forces, or events that tended (or still tend) to end or ameliorate the discriminatory and prejudicial practices of that milieu, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

**Skill III:**

1. In Ancient Rome (or in another country in the past you have studied), did anything happen, or did anyone do anything, to lessen the discriminatory practices that were practiced against these people?
  
2. What is happening in Uganda to lessen problems of discrimination (or in England, India, Russia, Canada, etc.)? What suggestions could you make for overcoming problems of discrimination there?
  
3. What can be done to overcome problems of discrimination and prejudice in America today?
  
4. In a certain city one group of people made up a small part of the population; which of the following might be ways to end the discrimination in that city against that group of people? (Check one.)
  - \_\_\_ An educational program could be started for the children in the schools so that they might learn to accept and understand the people.
  - \_\_\_ The courts in the city could make judgments to protect the rights of the people who were being discriminated against.
  - \_\_\_ Laws could be passed to make it against the law to discriminate against people.
  - \_\_\_ TV, radio, and newspaper stories about the people could appear, so that more people could learn to understand and accept them.
  - \_\_\_ The two groups of people could get into discussion groups and discuss their differences, and gradually they might get to understand and accept each other.
  - \_\_\_ All of the above might help to end discrimination.

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## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### LEISURE TIME

**Skill I:** Given the concept of "increase in leisure time," the student will identify causes and effects of this increase, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

### Skill I:

1. You know that the amount of leisure time for most individuals has tended to increase over the past several decades. This increase in leisure time has been caused by a number of factors. The increase has also had a number of results or consequences.

Following are some possible causal factors and some possible results. Mark the causes with a "C." Mark the effects with an "E." Some may be neither. Leave these blank.

- \_\_\_ labor saving appliances for the home
- \_\_\_ shorter working hours
- \_\_\_ increase in sports activities and various entertainments
- \_\_\_ more time available for creative activities
- \_\_\_ production rate increase (more things can be produced in shorter periods of time)
- \_\_\_ the Korean and Vietnamese wars
- \_\_\_ more people to hold jobs
- \_\_\_ labor unions
- \_\_\_ boredom
- \_\_\_ increase in activities in the arts
- \_\_\_ more businesses and industries producing leisure time equipment
- \_\_\_ increase in crime
- \_\_\_ laws that prevent people from working more than a certain number of hours a week
- \_\_\_ building costs in the United States keep going up
- \_\_\_ fishing has always been a popular sport
- \_\_\_ maintenance-free homes
- \_\_\_ leisure time has increased in the United States
- \_\_\_ generally smaller families than 75 years ago
- \_\_\_ more time to pursue personal development and self-fulfillment
- \_\_\_ over-weightedness, flabbiness, weakness of backs, etc.

2. Read a book that describes family life in the United States a hundred years ago. For example, one of the Laura Ingalls Wilder books. Did the people in the book have more leisure time we have today? Why? What has been the result of having more leisure time than people had in the past?

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**Skill II:** Given the consequences of an increase in leisure time, both for individuals and society in general, the student will identify those consequences that are positive and those that tend to be negative, as measured by minimum criteria on an objectives-referenced test.

## EXAMPLES AND COMMENTS

### Skill II:

1. Below are listed some possible consequences of an increase in leisure time. Which would you consider favorable, and which might be considered unfavorable? Mark two you would consider the most favorable with an "F." Mark two you would consider most unfavorable with a "U." Leave the others unmarked.

- \_\_\_ more time to develop personal talents and reach self-fulfillment
- \_\_\_ an increase in the crime rate
- \_\_\_ an increase in not knowing what to do with one's self
- \_\_\_ more people taking part in sports and artistic events
- \_\_\_ more people taking part in creative activities
- \_\_\_ people have more time to devote to service and volunteer organizations.
- \_\_\_ a greater feeling of uselessness among more people
- \_\_\_ more time to continue one's education
- \_\_\_ people spending most of the day sitting in front of a TV set

2. Make a list of the things you do in your leisure time. Think of as many leisure-time activities as you can that you do. Without showing the list to anyone else, indicate on the list those that you consider positive activities; those you would consider negative ones. Why do you consider them either negative or positive? If you would like, discuss with others.

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