

APPENDIX 3 - BROAD CHARACTERISTICS OF ELEVEN DISCIPLINE CATEGORIES

Category 1 - Diplomatic and International Relations History

There is a major focus on the policies, actions, relationships (short-term or long-term) and communications (formal/informal) between nations, but also relationships in the international sphere, such as between the United States and some international organization. These actions may lead to or involve conflict and war, but the focus is less on particular aspects of executing the war's strategy or tactics than on broader root causes or policies that led to, or were produced by, the conflict, including topics such as imperialism.

Category 2 - Economic and Business History

There is a major focus on economic activities and trends, either at a macro level or at some particularized level or sector. This also includes actions by entities that regulate or influence economic activities, including consumer and workforce groups, with a focus on the economic influence of these actions. Biographies of business leaders and historical studies of entrepreneurship and corporations were also included.

Category 3 - Military History

There is a major focus on the strategy and tactics of armed forces. This includes history of military leaders, weapons, and tactics of the military, changing battle strategies and tactics, logistics, and issues of national defense and military/civilian relationships.

Category 4 - Philosophical and Intellectual History

There is a major focus on the historical development of philosophical concepts or belief structures. This includes the influence of these philosophical views on governments, individuals, groups, or America as a whole.

Category 5 - Political History

There is a major focus on governmental decisions, public policies, debates of policy proposals of executive or legislative branches of elected or appointed governmental officials or the permanent bureaucracy. This includes actions of particular administrations, but also political campaigns, issues, and outcomes, political biography of major leaders, and legislative history of major issues. Actions of the judicial branch are also included.

Category 6 - Religious History

There is a major focus on religious affiliation and the history of religious movements, churches, and their theological beliefs. This includes the influence of religion, religious groups, and beliefs on governments, individuals, groups, and America as a whole.



Category 7 - Scientific, Environmental and Technological History

There is a major focus on scientists (including biographies), scientific discoveries, and projects, or technological breakthroughs and their influence. This includes scientific actions which have changed society and the lives of the individuals or groups. In addition, public policy issues relating to the environment or conservation of resources or the relationship of science to environmental or conservation issues are included.

Category 8 - Social History with Gender Emphasis

There is a major focus on the role of women and the women's movement in society or in relationship to males, but also the history of attitudes to sexual orientation or the history of lesbian, gay, transgendered, or bisexual individuals, considered generally or in a particular aspect.

Category 9 - Social History with Racial or Ethnic Emphasis

There is a major focus on one or several of the following: the history of, or some aspect of, racial and ethnic relationships in America or the study of a particular racial minority such as African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, or Pacific Islanders, including topics such as the influence of the African Diaspora, black slavery, tribal relations, and issues of discrimination, inequality and social mobility, and also the history of or some aspect of ethnic relationships in America including immigration, discrimination, inequality, and social mobility in America of Hispanics and non-Hispanics or the study of the history of the borderlands near the Mexican and U.S. border.

Category 10 - Social History with Social Class Emphasis

There is a major focus on the history of social class relationships, including social class conflicts, social movements, worker struggles, and labor unions, but also historical studies of elites and non-elites, status, and relationship of income levels to social status and power in society.

Category 11 - Social and Cultural History - Other

There is a major focus on one or several of the following characteristics: age and relationships among age groups, education, material, and visual culture, including art such as performing arts and music, architecture, along with popular culture, including sports and other forms of entertainment, fashion, clothing, and furniture.