

Grade 8 Standards	Benchmark	Light to the Nations II/U.S. History Companion volume (numbers in italics refer to chapters in the companion volume; otherwise, they refer to chapters in the main text.)
HISTORY		
Standard 1: Use research and inquiry skills to analyze American History using primary and secondary sources. (SS.8.A.1)	1	not applicable
	2	Maps, pictures, charts, etc., found in the text helpful in alignment to standard
	3	not applicable
	4	classroom standard
	5	classroom standard
	6	The text discusses such interpretations.
	7	Art in the texts helpful in alignment to standard
Standard 2: Examine the causes, course, and consequences of British settlement in the American colonies (SS.8.A.2)	1	<i>1</i>
	2	<i>1</i>
	3	<i>1, 3, 7</i>
	4	<i>1</i>
	5	<i>1, 2, 6</i>
	6	<i>1</i>
	7	<i>1</i>
Standard 3: Demonstrate an understanding of the causes, course, and consequences of the American Revolution and the founding principles of our nation. (SS.8.A.3)	1	<i>1</i>
	2	<i>1</i>
	3	<i>1, 2</i>

	4	2
	5	2
	6	1, 2, 3
	7	1, 2
	8	2
	9	3
	10	3
	11	3, 4
	12	5, 6
	13	6
	14	6
	15	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 helpful in alignment to this standard
	16	Mostly not aligned
Standard 4: Demonstrate an understanding of the domestic and international causes, course, and consequences of westward expansion. (SS.8.A.4)		
	1	6, 7, 8
	2	7, 8
	3	7, 8
	4	7, 8
	5	9
	6	9
	7	9
	8	9
	9	7, 9
	10	7, 9
	11	Mostly aligned 9, 10
	12	Not aligned
	13	4, 7, 10
	14	7
	15	9
	16	7
	17	Not aligned

	18	Not aligned
Standard 5: Examine the causes, course, and consequence of the Civil War and Reconstruction including its effects on American peoples. (SS.8.A.5)		
	1	9, 10, 11
	2	9, 10
	3	10, 11
	4	10, 11
	5	11
	6	11
	7	Not aligned
	8	12

GEOGRAPHY

Standard 1: Understand how to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technology to report information (SS.8.G.1)		
	1	Maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	2	Maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
Standard 2: Understand physical and cultural characteristics of places (SS.8.G.2)		
	1	Information in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	2	Not aligned – classroom standard
	3	Not aligned – classroom standard
Standard 3: Understand the relationships between the Earth's ecosystem and the populations that dwell within them (SS.8.G.3)		
	1	Not aligned
	2	Not aligned

Standard 4: Understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations (SS.8.G.4)	1	Not aligned
	2	Information in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	3	Information in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	4	Information and maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	5	Information in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	6	Maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
Standard 5: Understand how human actions can impact the environment (SS.8.G.5)	1	Not aligned
	2	Information in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
Standard 6: Understand how to apply geography to interpret the past and present and plan for the future (SS.8.G.6)	1	Information and maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
	2	Information and maps in the companion text useful to the partial fulfillment of this standard
ECONOMICS		
Standard 1: Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the development of a market economy. (SS.8.E.1)	1	Examples of economic history in the text useful to the fulfillment of this standard

Standard 2: Understand the fundamental concepts relevant to the institutions, structure, and functions of national economy. (SS.8.E.2)	1	Examples of economic history in the text useful to the fulfillment of this standard
	2	Examples of economic history in the text useful to the fulfillment of this standard
	3	Examples of economic history in the text useful to the fulfillment of this standard
Standard 3: Understand the fundamental concepts and interrelationships of the United States economy in the international marketplace. (SS.8.E.3)	1	Examples of economic history in both the companion and the primary text useful to the fulfillment of this standard
CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT		
Standard 1: The student will evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system. (SS.8.C.1)	1	4, 5
	2	Mostly aligned 2, 3
	3	Examples found throughout the companion text
	4	Examples found throughout the companion text
	5	4, 5 useful in the fulfillment of this standard
	6	5 and subsequent chapters useful in the fulfillment of this standard
Standard 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government. (SS.8.C.2)	1	4, 5, 6-13