

Sample Concepts in Social Studies

Concept	Examples
Human Migration	Africans to Eurasian landmass Irish to the U.S. in early 1900's Afghanis to Australia in 1990's
Primary Source	Recorded Interview Photograph Government Record
Secondary Source	Biography History Textbook Encyclopedia
Cash Crop	Wheat Cotton Soybeans
Civilization	Ancient Egypt Roman Empire U.S.A
Civil War	U.S. War between the States 20 th Century conflicts in Northern Ireland Israel-Palestinian Conflict
Natural Rights	Life Liberty Pursuit of Happiness
Treaty	North Atlantic Treaty Fourth Geneva Convention Treaty of Versailles
Racism	African Americans were denied the right to vote in the U.S. Jewish people were imprisoned and executed by the Nazis Native Americans in the U.S. were forced on to reservations
Democracy	United States today England today Athens in 500 B.C.

Non-examples of Concepts in Social Studies

- A person (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- A country (India)
- An event (Battle of Gettysburg)
- A process or sequence (how a bill becomes a law)

- Parts of a whole where the goal is to discuss details about the parts rather than classify them as examples of non-examples of a concept (Branches of the Government)

