

# APPENDIX B:

## Detailed State Grades, 2011

TABLE B-1 • 2011 U.S. HISTORY GRADES IN RANK ORDER

Jurisdiction	Grade	Content and Rigor Score	Clarity and Specificity Score
South Carolina	A	7	3
Alabama	A-	6	3
California	A-	6	3
District of Columbia	A-	6	3
Indiana	A-	6	3
Massachusetts	A-	6	3
NAEP	A-	7	2
New York	A-	6	3
Oklahoma	B+	5	3
Georgia	B	5	2
Michigan	B	5	2
Arizona	C	4	1
Florida	C	5	1
Hawaii	C	5	1
Kansas	C	4	1
Louisiana	C	4	1
Maryland	C	3	2
Minnesota	C	5	1
Nebraska	C	4	1
New Jersey	C	4	1
Tennessee	C	4	1
Utah	C	4	2
Virginia	C	5	1
Arkansas	D	3	1
Illinois	D	3	1
Kentucky	D	2	1
Nevada	D	3	1

Jurisdiction	Grade	Content and Rigor Score	Clarity and Specificity Score
New Mexico	D	2	1
Ohio	D	2	1
South Dakota	D	2	1
Texas	D	2	1
Washington	D	2	1
West Virginia	D	3	1
Alaska	F	0	0
Colorado	F	0	0
Connecticut	F	1	0
Delaware	F	0	0
Idaho	F	1	0
Iowa	F	0	0
Maine	F	0	0
Mississippi	F	1	1
Missouri	F	1	0
Montana	F	0	0
New Hampshire	F	0	0
North Carolina	F	1	1
North Dakota	F	1	1
Oregon	F	1	1
Pennsylvania	F	0	0
Vermont	F	1	0
Wisconsin	F	0	0
Wyoming	F	0	0
Rhode Island*	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Rhode Island had not adopted official statewide U.S. history standards

TABLE B-2 • 2011 U.S. HISTORY GRADES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Jurisdiction	Grade	Content and Rigor Score	Clarity and Specificity Score
Alabama	A-	6	3
Alaska	F	0	0
Arizona	C	4	1
Arkansas	D	3	1
California	A-	6	3
Colorado	F	0	0
Connecticut	F	1	0
Delaware	F	0	0
District of Columbia	A-	6	3
Florida	C	5	1
Georgia	B	5	2
Hawaii	C	5	1
Idaho	F	1	0
Illinois	D	3	1
Indiana	A-	6	3
Iowa	F	0	0
Kansas	C	4	1
Kentucky	D	2	1
Louisiana	C	4	1
Maine	F	0	0
Maryland	C	3	2
Massachusetts	A-	6	3
Michigan	B	5	2
Minnesota	C	5	1
Mississippi	F	1	1
Missouri	F	1	0
Montana	F	0	0

Jurisdiction	Grade	Content and Rigor Score	Clarity and Specificity Score
NAEP	A-	7	2
Nebraska	C	4	1
Nevada	D	3	1
New Hampshire	F	0	0
New Jersey	C	4	1
New Mexico	D	2	1
New York	A-	6	3
North Carolina	F	1	1
North Dakota	F	1	1
Ohio	D	2	1
Oklahoma	B+	5	3
Oregon	F	1	1
Pennsylvania	F	0	0
Rhode Island*	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	A	7	3
South Dakota	D	2	1
Tennessee	C	4	1
Texas	D	2	1
Utah	C	4	2
Vermont	F	1	0
Virginia	C	5	1
Washington	D	2	1
West Virginia	D	3	1
Wisconsin	F	0	0
Wyoming	F	0	0

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TABLE B-3 • 2011 TO 2003 COMPARISON OF STATE U.S. HISTORY GRADES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Jurisdiction	2011 Grade	2003 Grade
Alabama	A-	A
Alaska	F	F
Arizona	C	A
Arkansas	D	F
California	A-	A
Colorado	F	D
Connecticut	F	D
Delaware	F	B
District of Columbia	A-	F
Florida	C	D
Georgia	B	B
Hawaii	C	F
Idaho	F	D
Illinois	D	F
Indiana	A-	A
Iowa	F	N/A
Kansas	C	B
Kentucky	D	F
Louisiana	C	D
Maine	F	F
Maryland	C	C
Massachusetts	A-	A
Michigan	B	F
Minnesota	C	F
Mississippi	F	F
Missouri	F	F
Montana	F	F
Nebraska	C	C

Jurisdiction	2011 Grade	2003 Grade
Nevada	D	C
New Hampshire	F	F
New Jersey	C	F
New Mexico	D	F
New York	A-	A
North Carolina	F	F
North Dakota	F	F
Ohio	D	D
Oklahoma	B+	B
Oregon	F	D
Pennsylvania	F	F
Rhode Island*	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	A	C
South Dakota	D	D
Tennessee	C	C
Texas	D	C
Utah	C	C
Vermont	F	F
Virginia	C	B
Washington	D	F
West Virginia	D	F
Wisconsin	F	F
Wyoming	F	F

Notes: Data for 2003 drawn from: Sheldon Stern, *Effective State Standards for U.S. History: A 2003 Report Card* (Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 2003).

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TABLE B-4 • 2011 TO 2003 COMPARISON OF STATE U.S. HISTORY GRADES BY IMPROVEMENT STATUS

Jurisdiction	2011 Grade	2003 Grade	Improvement Status
Arkansas	D	F	+
District of Columbia	A-	F	+
Florida	C	D	+
Hawaii	C	F	+
Illinois	D	F	+
Kentucky	D	F	+
Louisiana	C	D	+
Michigan	B	F	+
Minnesota	C	F	+
New Jersey	C	F	+
New Mexico	D	F	+
South Carolina	A	C	+
Washington	D	F	+
West Virginia	D	F	+
Alabama*	A-	A	o
Alaska	F	F	o
California*	A-	A	o
Georgia	B	B	o
Indiana*	A-	A	o
Maine	F	F	o
Maryland	C	C	o
Massachusetts*	A-	A	o
Mississippi	F	F	o
Missouri	F	F	o
Montana	F	F	o
Nebraska	C	C	o
New Hampshire	F	F	o
North Carolina	F	F	o
North Dakota	F	F	o
New York*	A-	A	o
Ohio	D	D	o

Jurisdiction	2011 Grade	2003 Grade	Improvement Status
Oklahoma*	B+	B	o
Pennsylvania	F	F	o
South Dakota	D	D	o
Tennessee	C	C	o
Utah	C	C	o
Vermont	F	F	o
Wisconsin	F	F	o
Wyoming	F	F	o
Arizona	C	A	-
Colorado	F	D	-
Connecticut	F	D	-
Delaware	F	B	-
Idaho	F	D	-
Kansas	C	B	-
Nevada	D	C	-
Oregon†	F	D	-
Texas	D	C	-
Virginia	C	B	-

Notes: Iowa formally adopted U.S. history standards in 2009 (the state's standards received an F in this current 2011 evaluation). Rhode Island has thus far not adopted U.S. history standards. In 2003, neither Iowa nor Rhode Island had state-adopted U.S. history standards. Thus, neither state is featured in this table.

\* In 2003, our grading scale did not allow for pluses and minuses. In 2011, we altered our grading scale to include an A-minus and a B-plus. Therefore, grades for states that earned an A in 2003 and an A-minus in 2011 have, effectively, not changed. Likewise, states that earned a B in 2003 and a B-plus in 2011 have not changed.

† Oregon's content standards have not changed since 2001, prior to our last history standards review, *Effective State Standards for U.S. History: A 2003 Report Card*. However, the evaluation criteria that we used to judge standards in 2011 have been amended and improved since 2003. (See Appendix A for 2011 grading rubric.) These changes contributed to a change in Oregon's final grade: from a D to an F. The complete 2003 review can be found at: <http://www.edexcellence.net/publications-issues/publications/effectivestatehistory.html>.

TABLE B-5 • COMPARISON OF FORDHAM HISTORY REVIEWS: 1998-2011, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Jurisdiction	2011 grade U.S. History	2003 grade U.S. History	2000 grade U.S. and World History	1998 grade U.S. and World History
Alabama	A-	A	B	C
Alaska	F	F	F	F
Arizona	C	A	A	N/A
Arkansas	D	F	F	F
California	A-	A	A	B
Colorado	F	D	D	D
Connecticut	F	D	D	C
Delaware	F	B	D	F
District of Columbia	A-	F	F	C
Florida	C	D	C	C
Georgia	B	B	C	D
Hawaii	C	F	F	N/A
Idaho	F	D	N/A	N/A
Illinois	D	F	F	F
Indiana	A-	A	C	C
Iowa	F	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kansas	C	B	B	F
Kentucky	D	F	D	F
Louisiana	C	D	C	C
Maine	F	F	D	D
Maryland	C	C	B	F
Massachusetts	A-	A	B	B
Michigan	B	F	F	F
Minnesota	C	F	F	F
Mississippi	F	F	C	N/A
Missouri	F	F	C	F
Montana	F	F	N/A	N/A
Nebraska	C	C	C	F
Nevada	D	C	C	N/A

Jurisdiction	2011 grade U.S. History	2003 grade U.S. History	2000 grade U.S. and World History	1998 grade U.S. and World History
New Hampshire	F	F	C	C
New Jersey	C	F	F	F
New Mexico	D	F	F	F
New York	A-	A	D	F
North Carolina	F	F	D	F
North Dakota	F	F	F	N/A
Ohio	D	D	D	D
Oklahoma	B+	B	B	D
Oregon	F	D	B	N/A
Pennsylvania	F	F	F	F
Rhode Island	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	A	C	C	N/A
South Dakota	D	D	C	N/A
Tennessee	C	C	D	D
Texas	D	C	B	B
Utah	C	C	C	C
Vermont	F	F	F	F
Virginia	C	B	A	A
Washington	D	F	F	F
West Virginia	D	F	C	C
Wisconsin	F	F	F	F
Wyoming	F	F	F	N/A

Notes: Data for 2003 drawn from: Sheldon Stern, *Effective State Standards for U.S. History: A 2003 Report Card* (Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 2003). Data for 2000 drawn from: Lawrence Braden, Chester E. Finn, Jr., Lawrence S. Lerner, et al., *The State of State Standards 2000* (Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 2000). Data for 1998 drawn from: David W. Saxe, *State History Standards* (Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute, 1998).