

New York Social Studies Toolkit Project Compelling Questions

<p>Kindergarten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we ever get everything we need and want? • What makes holidays special? • Do rules control people, or do people control the rules? • Why do I have to be responsible? • Which is better, a map or a globe? • Is everyone unique? 	<p>1st Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why should I be a global citizen? • What do family stories tell us about the past? • What choices do we make with our money? • Can the things that make us different actually hold us together? • Can my life fit on a map? • Is the President the most important person in government?
<p>2nd Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have to have rules? • If we live in the present, why should we care about the past? • What makes me become we? • How would our lives be different if we lived in a different place? • Do we shape our environment or does our environment shape us? • What symbol best represents the U.S.? 	<p>3rd Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do people around the world care about children’s rights? • What do family stories tell us about the past? • Is sharing and trading across cultures always a good thing? • Why do countries need each other? • Where are we? • Does it matter how leaders are chosen?
<p>4th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Where You Live Matter? • Did industrialization make life better for everyone? • What does it take to get liberty and justice for all? • Did the American Dream come true for immigrants who came to New York? • Why does New York have a state snack? 	<p>5th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do countries declare independence? • What makes a complex society complex? • What is the real cost of bananas? • How did sugar feed the cruelty of slavery? • Did the French lose out in North America? • Should Puerto Rico be a state?
<p>6th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the development of agriculture good for humans? • Can disease change the world? • Does religious freedom exist? • Are the Olympics about more than sports? • Did the Chinese and Romans know each other? • Was the Caliphate of Cordoba a success? 	<p>7th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can words lead to war? • Is compromise always fair? • Why did the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag move from contact to cooperation to conflict? • What does it mean to be equal? • Was it destiny to move West? • Was the American Revolution avoidable?
<p>8th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should freedom be sacrificed in the name of national security? • Were suburbs good for America? • Is protest patriotic? • Is greed good? • Was American expansion abroad justified? • Was the New Deal a good deal? 	<p>9th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the unearthing of Tenochtitlan tell us about the Aztecs? • Did Qin Shi Huangdi’s efforts improve China? • Did female deities challenge patriarchy in classical India? • Should we call it the “Silk Road”? • How “magnificent” was Suleiman? • Did the printing press preserve the past or map the future?
<p>10th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the French Revolution successful? • How did the Industrial Revolution move people? • What ended Apartheid? • Does development mean progress? • Can peace lead to war? • Do the Boxers deserve a bad rap? 	<p>11th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What made non-violent protest effective during the Civil Rights Movement? • Is anything new about today’s immigration policy debates? • Did the Constitution establish a just government? • Does it matter who freed the slaves? • How should the president foster economic opportunity? • Why was the home front so important to the war front?
<p>12th Grade (Econ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the Affordable Care Act so controversial? • Is free trade worth the price? • Could Americans be happier? • Who’s to blame for the Great Recession? • Do any political parties represent me? • Should corporations have a conscience? 	<p>12th Grade (Government)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be done about the gender wage gap? • Who has the power to legalize? • Are students protected by the First Amendment? • Am I going to vote? • Does it matter what I want to be when I grow up? • Does it matter who funds political campaigns?