**High School Social Studies Assignment Example One**

**This assignment is *strongly* aligned to the standards.**

**Introduction**

Sample student assignments are being used to illustrate weak, partial and strong alignment to the [*Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Social Studies*](https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/Kentucky_Academic_Standards_for_Social_Studies.pdf). This assignment with included resource(s) is merely an example. It is not a requirement nor a suggestion for school curriculum. While the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is responsible for the development of high-quality academic standards, state law assigns each local district the authority to develop the school’s curriculum and determine appropriate instructional resources based on language found in [Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 160.345](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=53054). It is under the discretion of the superintendent to determine the local curriculum, including the evaluation and selection of instructional resources. The KDE does not adopt or select specific curricula for coursework. Per KRS 160.345(g), “the local superintendent shall determine which curriculum, textbooks, instructional materials, and student support services shall be provided in the school after consulting with the local board of education, the school principal, and the school council and after a reasonable review and response period for stakeholders in accordance with local board of education policy.”

To examine why this assignment is strongly aligned to the *KAS for Social Studies*, engage with the high school [High School Example 1 Assignment Review Protocol.](https://education.ky.gov/curriculum/standards/kyacadstand/Documents/HS_SS_Strongly_Aligned_Assignment_ARP.pdf)

**Overview:**

Students will investigate September 11, 2001, to analyze the impact of this event on American culture and society. Additionally, they will analyze legislative, executive and judicial branch decisions made in response to September 11, 2001, in terms of constitutionality and students will determine the impact of these decisions on citizens and states. Finally, students will examine how September 11, 2001, impacts their lives today.

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| **Compelling Question:** “How do global interactions impact me?” |

*Note: Compelling questions are used here to show the alignment between a compelling question, a supporting question and assignments. In this example, one supporting question is provided that is aligned to a compelling question. However, students may need to engage with more than one supporting question in order to fully engage with a compelling question.*

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| **Supporting Question:** “How have global interactions resulting from September 11, 2001, impacted American culture and society from 2001 to the present?” |

***Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) for Social Studies* alignment:**

* HS.UH.I.Q.1 Generate compelling questions to frame thinking, inquiry and/or understanding of key concepts in U.S. history.
* HS.UH.I.Q.2 Generate supporting questions to develop knowledge, understanding and/or thinking relative to key concepts in U.S. history framed by compelling questions.
* HS.C.CP.2 Analyze legislative, executive and judicial branch decisions in terms of constitutionality and impact on citizens and states.
* HS.UH.CE.6 Analyze how global interactions impacted American culture and society from 1890- present.
* HS.UH.I.UE.2 Gather information and evidence from credible sources representing a variety of perspectives relevant to compelling and/or supporting questions in U.S. history.
* HS.UH.I.UE.3 Use appropriate evidence to construct and revise claims and counterclaims relevant to compelling and/or supporting questions in U.S. history.
* HS.UH.I.CC.2 Engage in disciplinary thinking and construct arguments, explanations or public communications relevant to compelling and/or supporting questions in U.S. history.

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  + *Note: KQED is the PBS station for the San Francisco Bay area; therefore, it discusses the California connection in each section of the article. Educators may explain this to students and are encouraged to discuss Kentucky connections when discussing this article.*
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**Task Aligned to the Supporting Question:**

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| How have global interactions resulting from September 11, 2001, impacted American culture and society from 2001 to the present?  In order to answer the supporting question, use your understanding of:   * Global interactions and how they impacted American culture and society from 2001 to the present; and * Legislative, executive and judicial branch decisions in terms of constitutionality and impact on citizens and states.   In your response, analyze legislative, executive and judicial branch decisions due to September 11, 2001, in terms of constitutionality and impact on citizens and states. Be sure to use appropriate evidence to construct and revise claims in your response. |

**Task Aligned to the Compelling Question**

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| Based on your explanation to the supporting question, engage in disciplinary thinking and construct an argument to answer the following question: “How do global interactions impact me?” In order to support your argument, gather information and evidence from credible sources representing a variety of perspectives in U.S. history. |