

Alaska as a Territory (1912-1959)

Suggested Topics
[Not an inclusive list]

- Territorial Organic Act of 1912
- Native efforts toward civil and land rights (e.g., founding of Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB), Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), and Tanana Chiefs)
- Role of significant individuals (e.g., Judge Wickersham, William Paul, Elizabeth Peratrovich, Ernest Gruening)
- Infrastructure (e.g., railroad, aviation, roads, ships)
- Indian Reorganization Act
- World War II and internment of Aleuts and Japanese Americans
- Cold War
- National Parks and National Forests, resources (e.g., oil, timber, coal)
- Constitutional Convention, constitution, and statehood

PEOPLE, PLACES, ENVIRONMENT

The student demonstrates an understanding of the interaction between people and their physical environment by:

AH. PPE 4 describing how Alaska’s strategic location played an important role in military buildup and explaining the interrelated social and economic impacts. [DOK 2] (G. A5)

CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION

The student demonstrates an understanding of the discovery, impact, and role of natural resources by:

AH. CPD 3 using texts/sources to draw conclusions about the significance of natural resources (e.g., fisheries, timber, Swanson River oil discovery, “sustained yield” in the Alaska Constitution) in Alaska’s development and in the statehood movement. [DOK 3] (G. F1, F4)

INDIVIDUAL, CITIZENSHIP, GOVERNANCE, POWER

The student demonstrates an understanding of the historical rights and responsibilities of Alaskans by:

AH. ICGP 4 explaining Alaskans’ quest for self-determination (i.e., full rights as U.S. citizens) through the statehood movement. [DOK 1] (GC. C3)

AH.ICGP 5 explaining the impacts of military actions relative to Native communities (e.g., Naval bombardment of Angoon, Aleut internment, military expeditions). [DOK 2] (H. B1)

AH. ICGP 8 describing how Alaskans, particularly the Native people, challenge the status quo to gain recognition of their civil rights (e.g., appeals to the Russian government, Ward Cove Packing Co. Case, Molly Hootch, anti-discrimination acts, women’s suffrage). [DOK 2] (H. B2, GC. B5)

AH. ICGP 9 exploring the federal government’s influence on settlements in Alaska (e.g., Matanuska Colony, Anchorage, Adak, Tok, Hydaburg) by establishment of post offices, military facilities, schools, courts, and railroads. [DOK 1] (G. G2, H. B1)

AH. ICGP 10 identifying the role of Alaska Native individuals and groups in actively proposing and promoting federal legislation

and policies (e.g., William Paul, Tanana Chiefs, ANB, ANS) [DOK 1] (H. A1, B2)

AH. ICGP 11 exploring federal policies and legislation (e.g., Alaska Citizenship Act, Tlingit-Haida Jurisdictional Act, Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, Alaska Reorganization Act, ANCSA) that recognized Native rights. [DOK 1] (H. B2)

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

The student demonstrates an understanding of the chronology of Alaska history by:

AH. CC 3 describing how the roles and responsibilities in Alaska Native societies have been continuously influenced by changes in technology, economic practices, and social interactions. [DOK 2] (G. D4, H. B1b)