

Unit One...Geography

Geographic Understandings:

SS8G1 the student will describe Georgia with regard to physical features and location.

Element Component	Student Understanding
Region in relation to Ga.	Southeastern part of the United States
Nation in relation to Ga.	Located in the SE region of the United States
Continent in relation to Ga.	Located in North America in the SE part of the US
Hemisphere in relation to Ga.	North/West hemisphere in North America in the SE region of the United States
Describe the Coastal Plain region	60% of the state, Kaolin, Fall Zone, Okefenokee Swamp, inner and outer coastal plain, barrier islands, marshes
Describe the Piedmont region	Heart of the state, 600-2000 feet above sea level, source of major rivers, Atlanta, most populated
Describe the Appalachian Plain region	Tourist spot, begins Appalachian Trail which stretches to Maine, Cumberland Plateau
Describe the Ridge and Valley region	Ridges and valleys, Rome, Dalton, cattle, carpet industry, Lake Altoona
Describe the Blue Ridge region	Fault Line, highest point (Brasstown Bald), marble industry
Locate and evaluate the importance of the Okefenokee swamp on Ga.	Southern Georgia near Florida, borders Suwanee River, environmental habitat for thousands of animals
Locate and evaluate the importance of the Fall Line on Ga.	Boundary between the coastal plain and the Piedmont, mining and textiles, lots of running water
Locate and evaluate the Appalachian Mountains on Ga.	Tourist area, economic activities such as carpet, Appalachian Trail begins here, goes into the Ridge and Valley, impacts climate
Locate and evaluate the Chattahoochee River on Ga.	Drinking water, recreational area, begins in Lake Lanier in northern Piedmont and runs to the Alabama border into West Pointe lake
Locate and evaluate the Savannah River on Ga.	Runs down the eastern border of Georgia from North Carolina to South Carolina to Savannah, water and recreational area, trade and ports
Locate and evaluate the Barrier Islands on Ga.	Protects us from storm surge and hurricanes, habitat for turtles
Locate and evaluate the importance of the rivers on Ga.	Savannah, Chattahoochee, Flint, Suwanee, drinking water, recreation, trade, and irrigation
Evaluate the impact of climate on the development of Ga.	Agriculture booms, warm, subtropical, long growing seasons, adequate moisture