

VFT: REGIONS OF GEORGIA

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OVERVIEW

The Regions of Georgia virtual field trip takes students on a journey throughout the state of Georgia, guiding them through the five physiographic regions and explaining the relative location of each, as well as their characteristics, economic importance, and much more. We recommend that students explore this virtual field trip after they have completed Unit 1 of the [Georgia Studies Book: Our State and Our Nation](#) or after a thorough discussion about the five regions of Georgia. Teachers could use this activity as a group experience, provide class time for students to explore the field trip at their own pace, or assign it as homework in a flipped classroom setting.

FEATURES

- **video** footage of interviews with experts who explain the highlights of each region
- **picture galleries** for each area with informative captions, including historic photos about economic activities, and historic events
- **interactive maps** that illustrate the location of the state's largest cities and mineral deposits, along with questions to enhance discussion
- **fun facts** and a puzzle that allows students to test their knowledge of the location of the five regions.

GEORGIA STANDARDS

SS8G1 Describe Georgia's geography and climate.

- Distinguish among the five geographic regions of Georgia in terms of location, climate, agriculture, and economic contribution.
- Locate key physical features of Georgia and explain their importance; include the Fall Line, Okefenokee Swamp, Appalachian Mountains, Chattahoochee and Savannah Rivers, and barrier islands.

SS2G1 Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia's surface.

- Locate and compare the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau.

DISCUSS

- Although the regions of Georgia are alike in many ways, each region also has unique characteristics. Create a chart that compares and contrasts these similarities and differences, and provide explanations as to why certain regions may share specific attributes or why they may have drastic differences. Discuss your findings with other classmates.
- Excluding the region where you currently live, explain which region would be the most interesting to visit and why. Describe the area's climate, points of interest, and historic significance.

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3. The Coastal Plain is Georgia's largest geological region; however, it can be divided into two distinct sections. Describe the differences between the Inner and Outer Coastal Plains and how each affects the characteristics of the other.
4. Which one of the fun facts did you find most interesting and why? List the seven natural wonders of the state and determine in which region each is located.

EXTEND

1. Create a news production that will provide your viewers with information about the different regions of Georgia. Information about each specific region should include its location, climate, historical significance, and current economic activities. You should also highlight places that your viewers may want to visit during their trip. Take turns as anchor and make sure to look at the camera while providing information. You may wish to use some of your answers from the Discussion Questions section to get started. *Teachers, if you have time constraints, consider breaking students into groups and assigning each group one region to portray.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. [*Georgia Stories: The Geology of Georgia*](#)
2. [*Georgia Stories: The Land and Fossils*](#)
3. [*Georgia Stories: The Okefenokee Swamp*](#)