



Georgia Milestones Grade 8 Assessments Social Studies

Georgia Standards of Excellence SS8H1 - SS8H12
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STUDENT QUESTIONS

Directions: Click on the hyperlinks to open the webpage in your browser. Follow the directions for each hyperlink and answer the questions on a separate piece of paper. There will be five questions for each standard.

SS8H1: IMPACT OF EUROPEAN EXPLORATION AND SETTLEMENT

Link 1: [Hernando de Soto and the Impact of Spanish Exploration in Georgia](#)

Directions: Read the booklet to answer questions 1 - 3.

QUESTION 1: Why did the Spanish conquistadors come to the North America?

QUESTION 2: What famous Spanish explorer trekked through Georgia?

QUESTION 3: What impact did the Spanish explorers have on the Native American populations they encountered?

Link 2: [Site Early Spanish Mission](#)

Directions: Read the text of the historical marker.

QUESTION 4: What was the goal of the Franciscan monks who established Spanish mission on the coast of Georgia?

Link 3: [Mississippian Period in Georgia](#)

Directions: Read the selection about the Mississippian era in the New Georgia Encyclopedia.

QUESTION 5: What were some of the main characteristics of Native American culture during the Mississippian era?

SS8H2: COLONIAL GEORGIA

Link 4: [Georgia Colony Founded](#)

Directions: Watch the February 12 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 1: According to the video, what was the purpose for establishing the colony of Georgia? (Hint: Three main purposes are listed)

Link 5: [Oglethorpe's Role in Settling Savannah](#)

Directions: Read this selection about James Oglethorpe's role in founding the colony.

QUESTION 2: How was James Edward Oglethorpe involved in the Georgia colony?

Link 6: [Dispatches from Off the Deaton Path: Tomochichi](#)

Directions: Watch this Dispatch from Dr. Stan Deaton, Senior Historian, Dr. Elaine B. Andrews Distinguished Historian at the Georgia Historical Society to learn about Tomochichi.

QUESTION 3: What impact did Tomochichi have on the Georgia Colony?

Link 7: [Mary Musgrove](#)

Directions: Recall information from the previous video and read this passage about Mary Musgrove.

QUESTION 4: Explain two ways Mary Musgrove assisted the Georgia colonists.

Link 8: [Slavery in Colonial Georgia](#)

Directions: Watch this *Today in Georgia History* segment about slavery in colonial Georgia.

QUESTION 5: How and when did Georgia's policy on slavery change?

SS8H3: GEORGIA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Link 9: [Georgia Gazette, November 21, 1765](#)

Directions: A PDF should open in your browser. Find and read #8 in the Massachusetts Assembly's response to the Royal Governor's speech.

QUESTION 1: What "inherent right" did the members of the assembly believe the Stamp Act went against?

QUESTION 2: Use your own words to write a definition for the term *despotic*.

Link 10: [Georgia Delegates Sign Declaration of Independence](#)

Directions: Watch the August 2 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 3: Who were the three Georgians who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Link 11: [The Constitution: How did it happen?](#)

Directions: Read this selection from The National Archives regarding the U.S. Constitution.

QUESTION 4: What events and circumstances led to the 1787 Constitutional Convention?

QUESTION 5: Was the original goal of the convention to create a completely new form of government?

SS8H4: DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA, 1789-1840

Link 12: [Marker Monday: Zero Mile Post](#)

Directions: Read about the Georgia Historical Marker that highlights the expansion of the railroad.

QUESTION 1: What future Capitol of Georgia grew up around the 1845 western end of the Western & Atlantic railroad?

Link 13: [Eli Whitney](#)

Directions: Watch the December 8 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 2: How did the invention of the cotton gin impact Georgia?

Link 14: [Georgia's First Land Lottery](#)

Directions: Watch the May 11 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 3: How did the land lottery system impact the movement of people in Georgia?

Link 15: [Worcester v. Georgia](#)

Directions: Watch the September 15 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: How did Worcester v. Georgia lead to the removal of the Cherokee?

Link 16: [Dahlonega Gold Rush](#)

Directions: Watch the October 27 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 5: What was the tragic consequence of the Dahlonega gold rush?

SS8H5: CIVIL WAR GEORGIA

Link 17: [Civil War and Reconstruction](#)

Directions: Read this summary overview of the Civil War from the Library of Congress.

QUESTION 1: Based on this selection, what were the issues that led to the Civil War?

Link 18: [The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854](#)

Directions: Read this selection from The National Archives about the effects of the Missouri Compromise and Kansas-Nebraska Act. Explore the original document and the transcript.

QUESTION 2: What did the new western territories have to do with the national discussion on slavery?

Link 19: [Emancipation Proclamation & General Order No. 3](#)

Directions: Watch the short video and read the selection from the National Archives Foundation.

QUESTION 3: What was the Emancipation Proclamation and how did it impact the Civil War?

Link 20: [March to the Sea](#)

Directions: Read the text of the Georgia Historical Marker.

QUESTION 4: Where did Sherman's March to the Sea begin and end?

QUESTION 5: Describe two ways the historical marker argues Sherman's March to the Sea impacted the outcome of the Civil War.

SS8H6: IMPACT OF RECONSTRUCTION ON GEORGIA

Link 21: [Reconstruction in Georgia](#)

Directions: Watch the segment of the “Reconstruction in Georgia” video from 1:36 - 2:54 as Dr. Stan Deaton discusses the Reconstruction Amendments to the Constitution.

QUESTION 1: What did the 13th Amendment prohibit?

QUESTION 2: What did the 14th Amendment guarantee?

QUESTION 3: What did the 15th Amendment guarantee?

Link 22: [Jefferson Franklin Long](#)

Directions: Watch the January 16 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: Who was Jefferson Franklin Long and why is he important to Georgia history?

QUESTION 5: How long was it before Georgia had another black congressman after Jefferson Franklin Long? Why did it take so long?

SS8H7: NEW SOUTH ERA

Link 23: [The Atlanta Cotton States & International Exposition](#)

Description: Watch the September 18 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 1: What was the purpose of hosting the Atlanta Cotton States and International Exposition?

QUESTION 2: How did different groups react to Booker T. Washington’s “Atlanta Compromise: speech?”

Link 24: [Rebecca Latimer Felton](#)

Directions: Watch the November 21 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 3: How did Rebecca Latimer Felton impact Georgia?

Link 25: [The Niagara Movement](#)

Directions: Read about the Niagara Movement at History.com.

QUESTION 4: What was the purpose of the Niagara Movement?

QUESTION 5: How did the ideas of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois impact the early Civil Rights Movement in Georgia?

SS8H8: WWI THROUGH THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Link 26: [The Great Depression](#)

Directions: Read this entry from the New Georgia Encyclopedia, focusing on the “Economic Crisis” and “The New Deal & Recovery” sections.

QUESTION 1: What happened on Black Tuesday and why does it matter?

QUESTION 2: List and describe three New Deal programs that existed in Georgia.

Link 27: [Flint River Farms Resettlement Project](#)

Directions: Read this selection about the Flint River Resettlement historical marker.

QUESTION 3: What did the 106 families involved in the Flint River Resettlement Project receive?

Link 28: [Boll Weevil in Georgia](#)

Directions: Watch the August 12 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: Why was the Georgia Assembly concerned about the boll weevil?

Link 29: [Eugene Talmadge](#)

Directions: Watch the January 10 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 5: Why did the critics of Eugene Talmadge call him a dictator?

SS8H9: Impact of WWII on Georgia

Link 30: [The U.S. Home Front at a Glance](#)

Directions: Read “The Home Front during WWII” article from The National World War II Museum.

QUESTION 1: What role did citizens on the home front play in WWII?

Link 31: [World War II and Georgia](#)

Directions: Watch the December 31 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 2: How did WWII impact Georgia’s economy?

QUESTION 3: What impact did Richard Russell and Carl Vinson have on Georgia during WWII?

Link 32: [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)

Directions: Watch the January 30 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: Explain two ways FDR impacted Georgia.

QUESTION 5: Why did FDR spend so much time in Warm Springs, GA?

SS8H10: POST-WWII GEORGIA, 1945-1970

[Link 33: Post-WWII developments of Georgia from 1945 to 1970](#)

Directions: Read the “Agriculture in Georgia” booklet and look over the images.

QUESTION 1: According to this pamphlet, what are were some of the recent changes in Georgia’s agriculture?

QUESTION 2: What are some of the agricultural products featured in the pamphlet?

[Link 34: William B. Hartsfield](#)

Directions: Watch the March 1 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 3: What impact did Mayor Hartsfield have on Atlanta?

[Link 35: Ivan Allen, Jr.](#)

Directions: Watch the March 15 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: What major initiatives did Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. complete during his time as Mayor of Atlanta?

[Link 36: Governor Ellis Gibbs Arnall Historical Marker](#)

Directions: Read the text of the Governor Ellis Gibbs Arnall historical marker.

QUESTION 5: What were some of the main accomplishments of Ellis Arnall?

SS8H11: MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS IN GEORGIA

Link 37: [Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee](#)

Directions: Read about the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the New Georgia Encyclopedia.

QUESTION 1: What were some of the activities of the SNCC?

Link 38: [Civil Rights Act \(1964\)](#)

Directions: Read this summary from the National Archives and explore the original document.

QUESTION 2: What was the impact of this legislation?

Link 39: [Jackie Robinson](#)

Directions: Scroll down to the “Life After Baseball” segment of this article in the New Georgia Encyclopedia.

QUESTION 3: How did Jackie Robinson and Martin Luther King, Jr. contribute to the Albany Movement?

Link 40: [Desegregation of UGA](#)

Directions: Watch the January 9 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 4: What role did Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter play in the civil rights movement in Georgia?

Link 41: [Andrew Young](#)

Directions: Read this article about Andrew Young, former UN Ambassador and Mayor of Atlanta.

QUESTION 5: Describe one way Andrew Young has impacted Georgia.

SS8H12: GEORGIA SINCE THE LATE 20TH CENTURY

Link 42: [Carl Sanders](#)

Directions: Watch the May 15 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 1: How did political power shift after the end of the county unit system?

QUESTION 2: How did Carl Sanders appeal to urban voters?

Link 43: [Jimmy Carter](#)

Directions: Watch the October 1 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 3: According to the segment, what was Jimmy Carter's greatest achievement as president?

QUESTION 4: What work was Jimmy Carter involved in after his presidency?

Link 44: [Atlanta Olympics Begin](#)

Directions: Watch the July 19 episode of *Today in Georgia History*.

QUESTION 5: What are some of the long-term legacies of the 1996 Olympics?