

STANDARDS:

SS8G1 Describe Georgia's geography and climate.

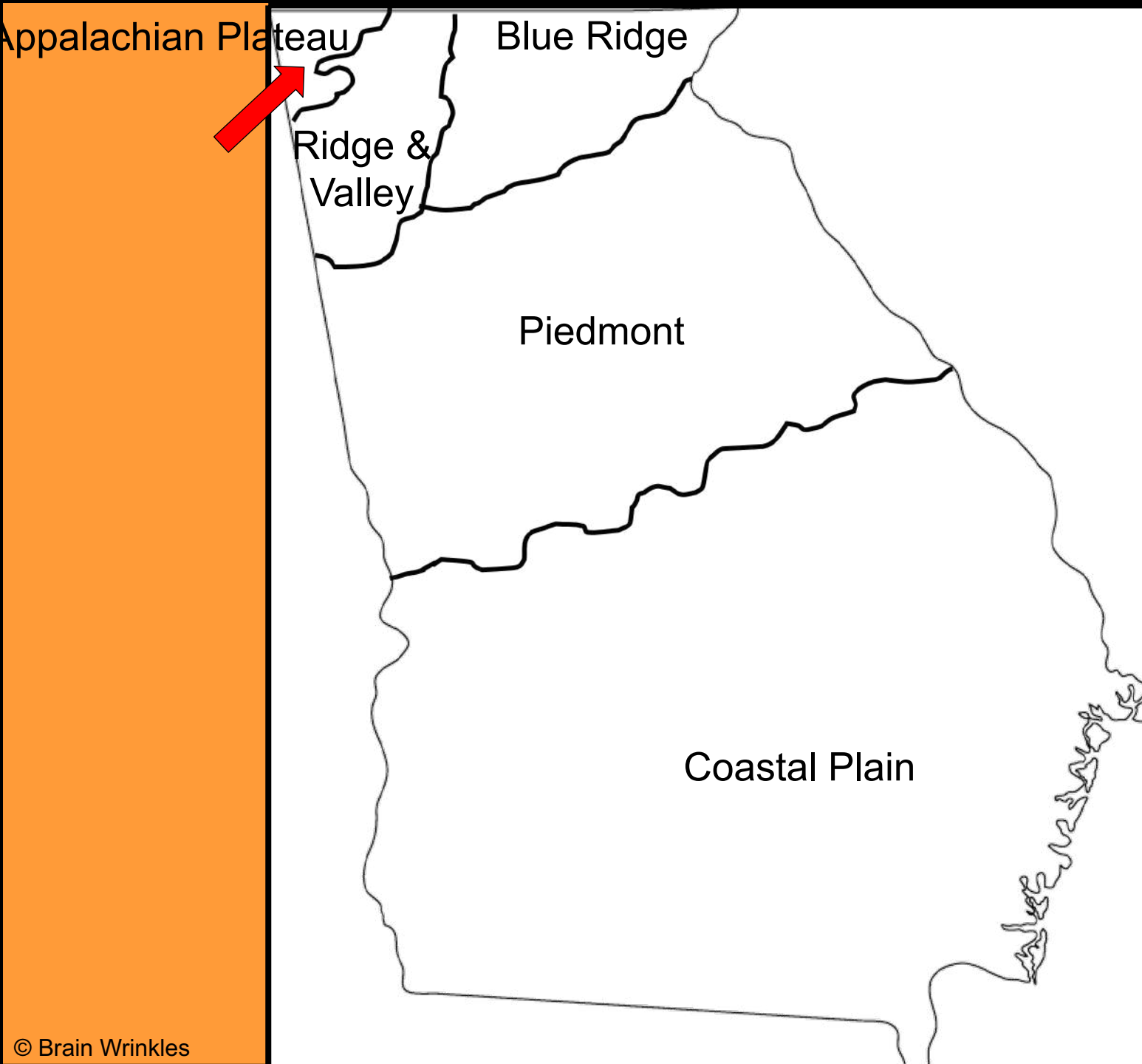
- a. Locate Georgia in relation to region, nation, continent, and hemispheres.
- b. Distinguish among the five geographic regions of Georgia in terms of location, climate, agriculture, and economic contribution.

Georgia's Geographic Regions



5 Regions

- Georgia is a geographically diverse state that is divided into five regions.
- The first three regions (**Appalachian Plateau**, **Ridge & Valley**, and **Blue Ridge**) are in the mountains and foothills of the state and form part of the Appalachian Mountain range.
- The other two (**Piedmont** and **Coastal Plain**) include coastal and farming areas, as well as some of the large cities in the middle of the state.



Appalachian Plateau

Blue Ridge

Ridge &
Valley

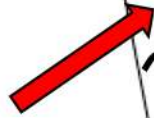
Piedmont

Coastal Plain

Appalachian Plateau

- The Appalachian Plateau is the state's smallest region.
- It's located in the very northwest corner of Georgia and encompasses Dade County.
- The region features a long, narrow valley with Sand Mountain on one side and Lookout Mountain on the other.

Appalachian Plateau



View from Lookout Mountain



Appalachian Plateau

- The region contains two waterfalls, many underground caves, and it is covered in forests.
- It is not a good area for farming because of the sandy soil; however, it was once a profitable area for mining coal and iron ore.

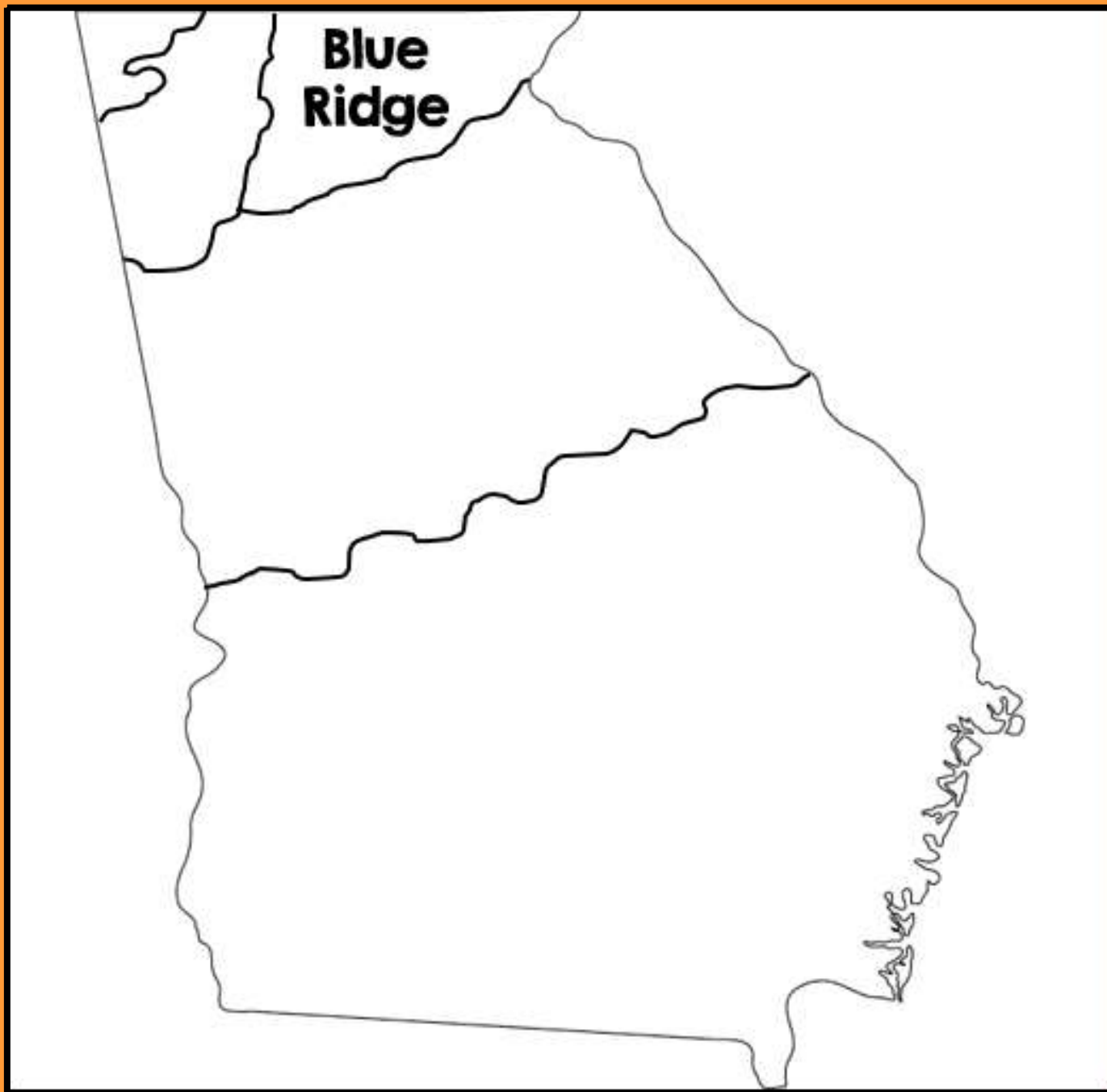


Appalachian Plateau

- The average summer temperature is 70 degrees, and the average winter temperature is just above 40 degrees.

Blue Ridge

- The Blue Ridge region is in the northeast corner of Georgia, and it is made up of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- This area contains the southern point of the Appalachian Mountains (which run up to Maine).
- The region is also home to Georgia's highest peak, Brasstown Bald (4,784 feet).



Brasstown Bald



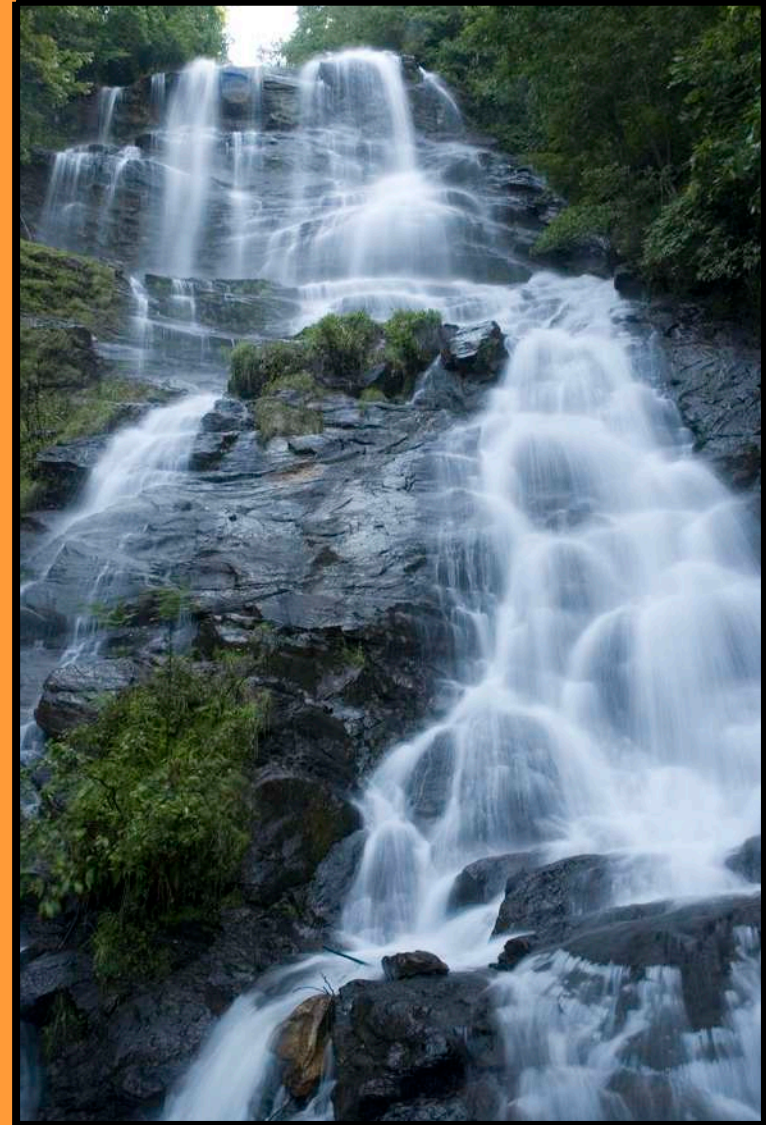
Blue Ridge

- The tallest waterfall east of the Mississippi River, Amicalola Falls, is in this region.
- Also, Tallulah Gorge, which is two miles long and 1,000 feet deep, is located here.
- Aside from apples, grapes, and some vegetables, not much agriculture is grown here.

Amicalola Falls



Tallulah Gorge



Blue Ridge

- The Blue Ridge region receives the most rainfall in Georgia.
- The average summer temperature is 69 degrees, while the average winter temperature is 45 degrees.
- The area attracts thousands of tourists each year due to its beautiful scenery, outdoor activities, and slightly cooler climate.



Ridge & Valley

- The Ridge and Valley region is located in northwest Georgia, east of the Appalachian Plateau.
- The region consists of several high, narrow mountain ridges and the valleys between them.
- The elevation of the region ranges from 700 to 1,600 feet.
- The region's climate is similar to the Blue Ridge region, with slightly less rainfall.





Ridge & Valley

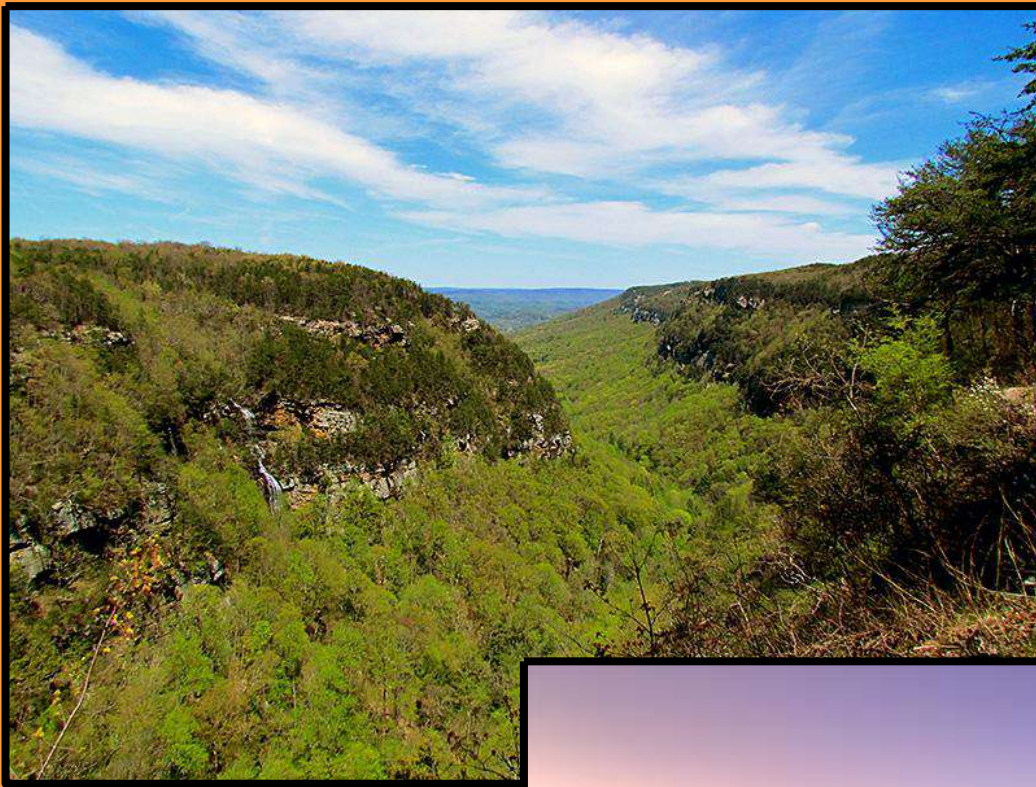
- Mining and farming are the region's main industries.
- The soil is rich and agricultural products include corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, and apples.
- Beef cattle are raised on pastures in the valleys.



Piedmont

- The Piedmont region is in the central area of Georgia, and makes up roughly 30% of the state's land area.
- The name means “foot of the mountains”, as it is made up of low rolling hills that slope towards the south.
- The elevation ranges from 500 feet at its southern border (called the Fall Line) to 1700 feet at its northern border.





Athens, GA



Piedmont

- The Piedmont region has large amounts of granite and marble, enabling Georgia to be the nation's leading producer of both.
- It is also known for its red clay, which is rich in iron minerals.
- The region is important for agriculture, with large amounts of corn, peaches, wheat, soybeans, cattle, and poultry being produced.

Granite Quarry in Georgia



Georgia's Red Clay



Piedmont

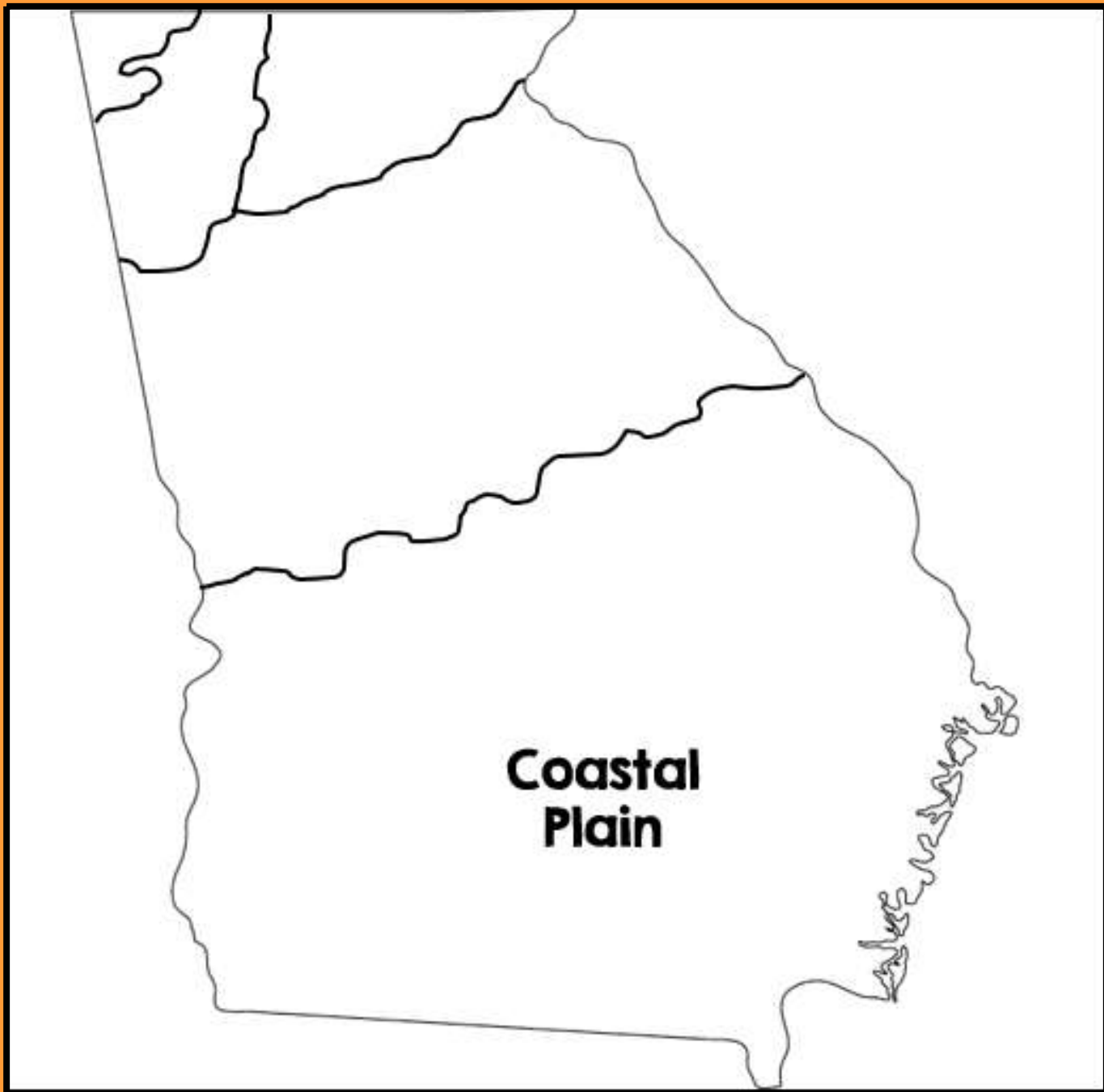
- Nearly 50% of Georgia's population lives in this region, thanks to cities like Atlanta, Athens, Macon, Columbus, Augusta, and Milledgeville.
- There are a lot of businesses in this region, and it features the bulk of Georgia's industry.

Atlanta, Georgia



Coastal Plain

- The Coastal Plain is the largest region, covering roughly 60% of the state.
- It begins at the Fall Line and extends to Georgia's southern border with Florida.
- It stretches from the barrier islands off of Georgia's eastern coast to Alabama.



Vidalia Onions



Coastal Plain

- The Coastal Plain has good farmland and produces the majority of the state's crops.
- Peanuts, onions, pecans, corn, and other agricultural products are grown here.
- The region has 100 miles of coast, which attracts large numbers of tourists each year.



Coastal Plain

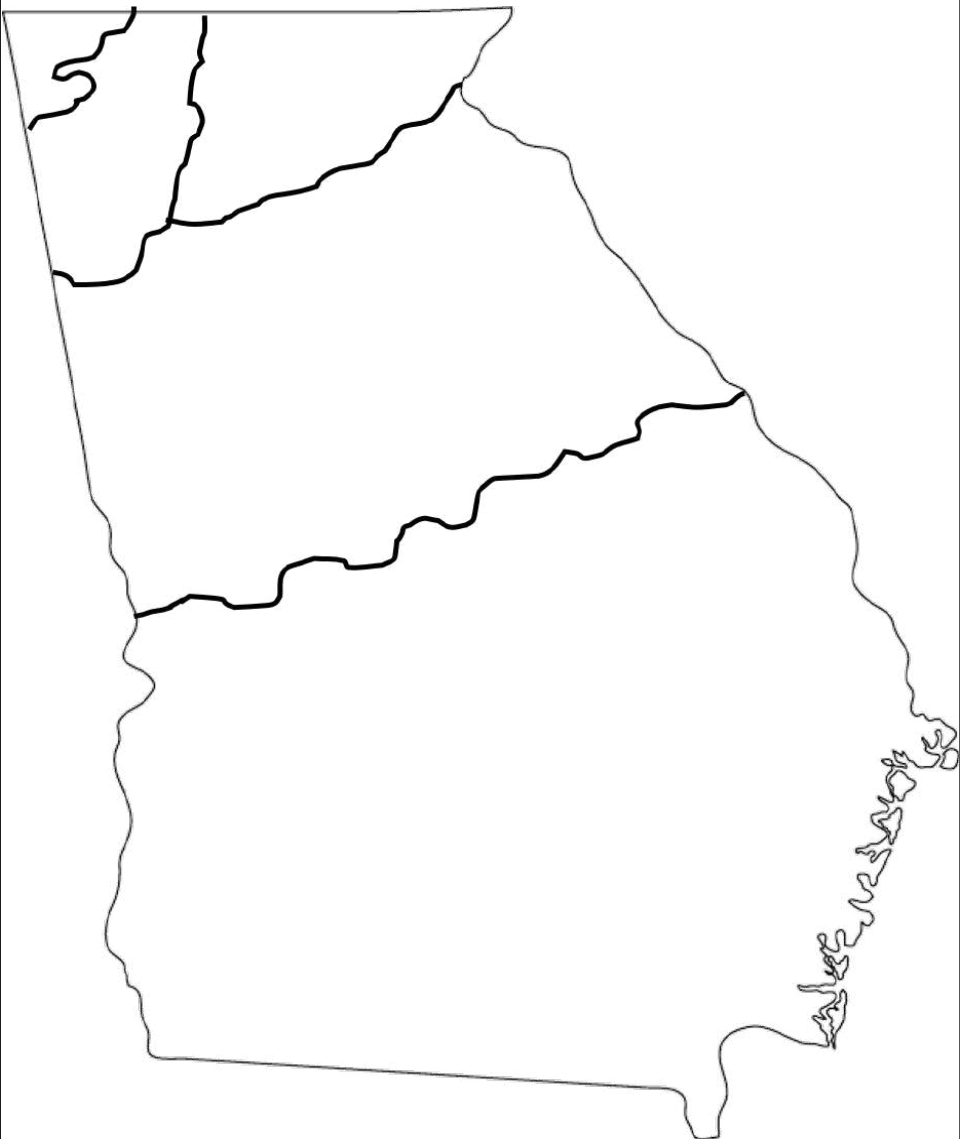
- The Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions are more humid and tropical than the other regions because they are between the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.
- Summer tends to be long and hot, while the winter is mild compared to the rest of the state.



Name: _____

Georgia's 5 Regions

Directions: Label the following regions on the map. Lightly color each region a different color.



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You Are Now Entering...

Directions: Choose one of Georgia's five regions and create a "welcome sign" that visitors will see as they enter the region. The sign should include key facts about the region, as well as significant illustrations.



TEACHER INFO: Real Estate Ad

- Print off the following slide & make a copy for each student.
- The students will choose one of the five regions and create an advertisement for land that is available to settle within that region.
- They will write a testimonial statement that promotes the land, as well as brief descriptions of climate, land features, and resources in the region.
- They will also need to include illustrations for each section.

Real Estate Advertisement

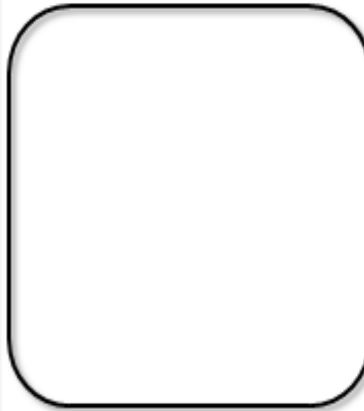
Directions: Choose one of the 5 regions in Georgia and create an advertisement for land that is available to settle within the region. Write a testimonial statement that promotes your land, as well as brief descriptions of climate, land features, and resources in the region. You should also draw illustrations of the land, climate, landforms, and resources.

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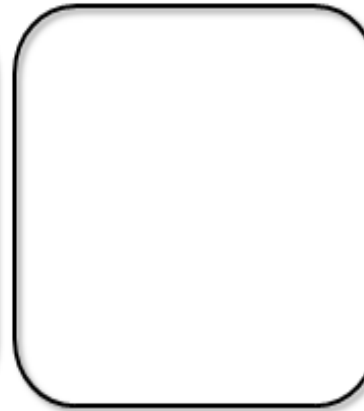


Testimonial:

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME TODAY!



Climate



Land



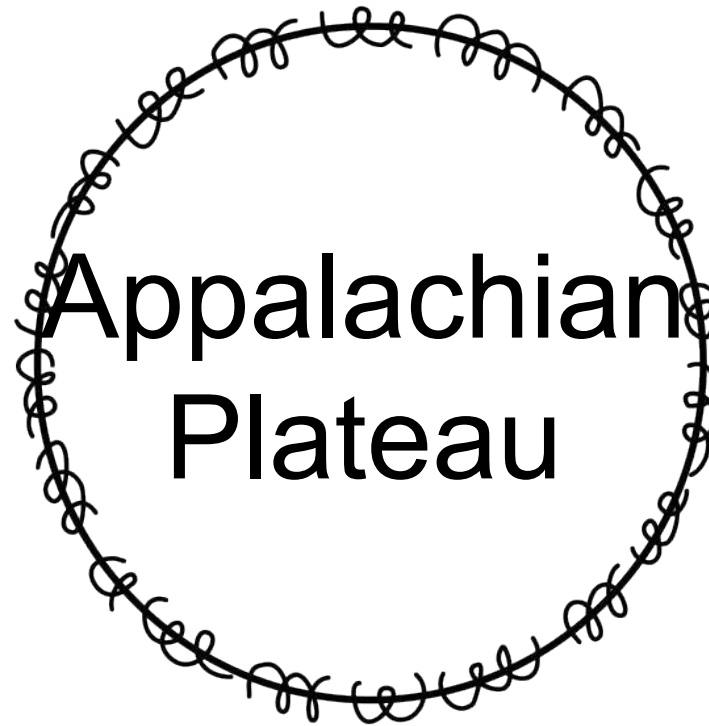
Resources

TEACHER INFO: Pass the Paper

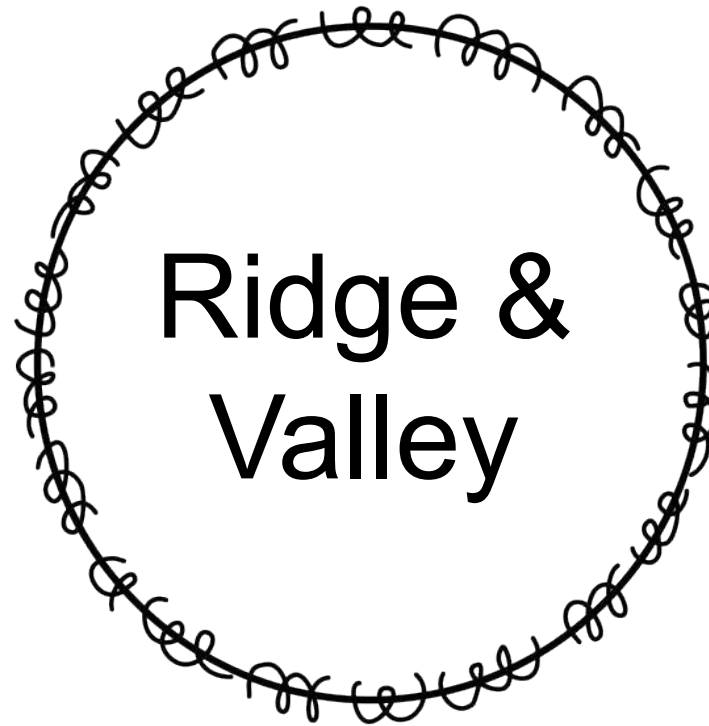
- Put the students into small groups (you will need 5 groups total).
- Print off the following Regions slides and give one paper to each group.
- Give each group about 30 seconds to write down everything they know about the feature—but they can't write something that is already written. (They can also draw pictures or symbols.)
- When time is up, they must pass the paper to the next group.
- This continues until every group has worked with each of the 5 papers.
- Have each group share the paper & discuss the information.

Pass the Paper

- With your group, you will have 30 seconds to write or draw everything that you know about the region on your paper.
- Every group member must participate – angle yourselves so that you can all write at the same time.
- The catch is that you cannot write or draw something that is already written!
- When I say that time is up, you must pass the paper on to the next group.
- We will continue to “Pass the Paper” until each group has seen all of papers.

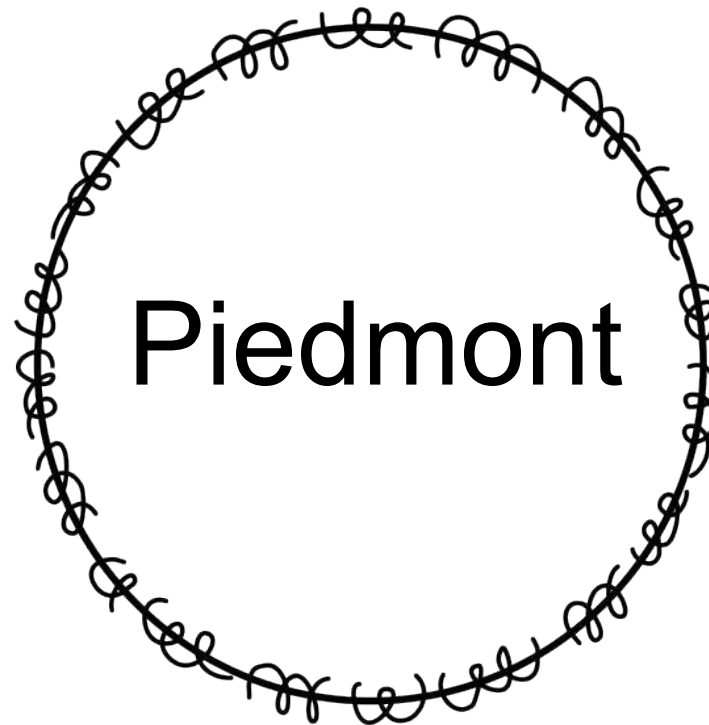


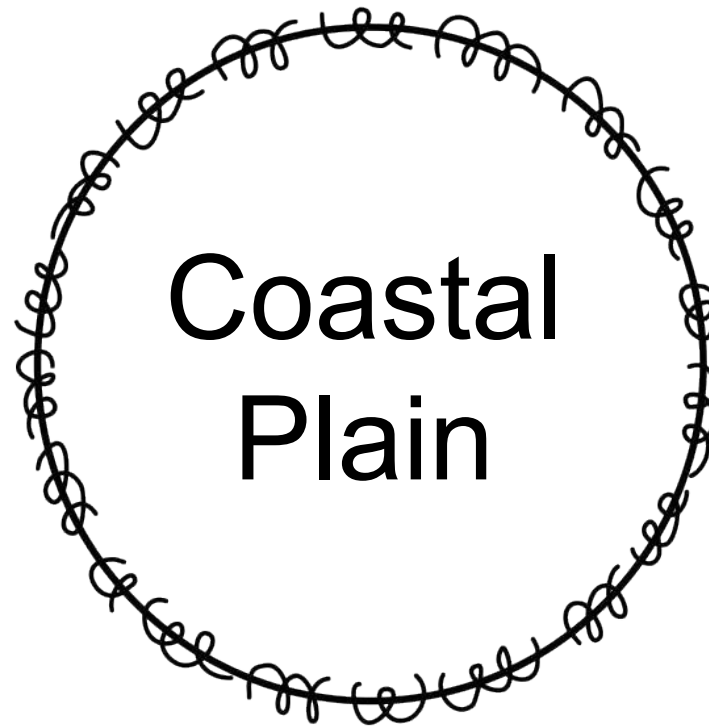
Appalachian Plateau





Blue Ridge





TEACHER INFO: Comprehension Check

- Print off the Comprehension Check for each student.
- The students will complete this handout at the end of the lesson. You can count this as a quiz!

GA's Geographic Regions

Comprehension Check

1. Which region is located in the northwestern corner of Georgia?
2. Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia, is located in which region?
3. What are the main industries in the Ridge and Valley region?
4. Which region has the highest population?
5. Which region is the largest?
6. The fall line is the geographic border between which two regions?
7. Name a region that would be good to visit during the summer in order to escape the heat. What could tourists do there?
8. What are two economic benefits of the Coastal Plain based on its location near the Atlantic Ocean?
9. In which region do you live?
10. What is the largest city in your region?

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Mining and farming

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Piedmont

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Coastal Plain

6. The fall line is the geographic border between which two regions?
- Piedmont and Coastal Plain**

7. Name a region that would be good to visit during the summer in order to escape the heat. What could tourists do there?

Answers will vary. Example—Blue Ridge: hiking

8. What are two economic benefits of the Coastal Plain based on its location near the Atlantic Ocean?

Fishing and shipping

9. In which region do you live?

Answers will vary.

10. What is the largest city in your region?

Answers will vary

TEACHER INFO: TICKET OUT THE DOOR

- Print off the following slide & make a copy for each student. (They are two-per-page).
- Have the students create a snapchat message for one of the geographic regions from the lesson.
- The message should include an illustration that represents the region, as well as text to describe it.
- Collect these as the students leave the classroom.

Name:

Regions Snapchat

Create a snapchat about one of Georgia's five regions. Include a visual and text to describe the region.

To:

From:



Text:

Name:

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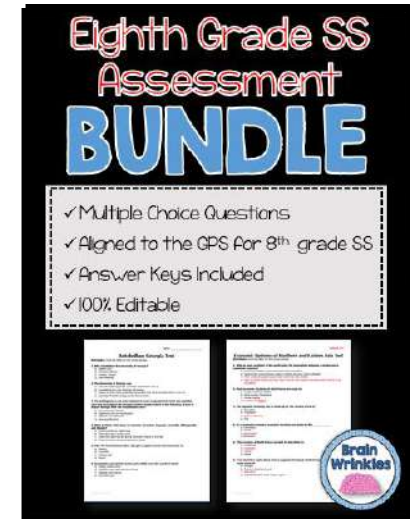
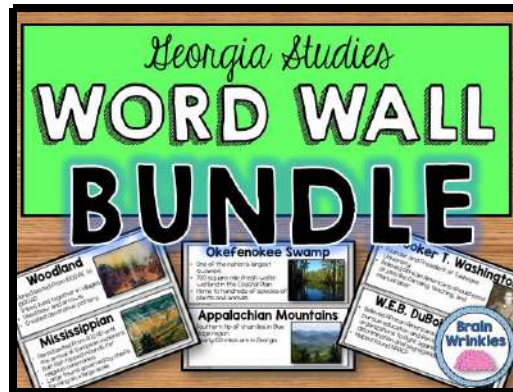
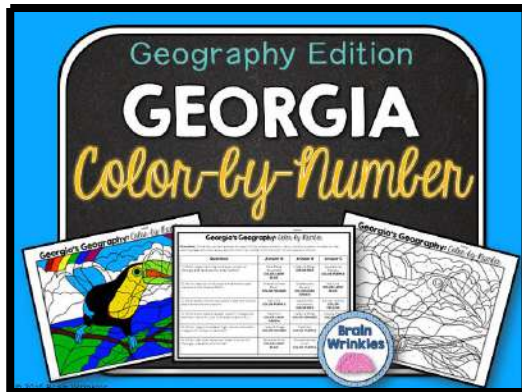


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