

8th Georgia Studies Curriculum Map

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History
Geography
Civics
Economics

Unit Connecting Themes/Concepts

Conflict and Change
Environment and Society
Power and Authority
Wealth and Trade

INTRODUCTION TO GEORGIA GEOGRAPHY

Unit One Focus:

The student will examine Georgia's place in the world in relation to region, nation continent and hemispheres. Students will also understand Georgia's five geographic regions, its key physical features and climate characteristics.

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE IN GEORGIA

Unit Two Focus:

The student will explain the development of Native American cultures in Georgia as well as the impact of European exploration on cultures in Georgia.

EUROPEAN CONTACT AND SETTLEMENT

Unit Three Focus:

The student will explore reasons for European exploration in Georgia and its subsequent colonization.

Standards:
SS8G1-G2

Standards:
SS8H1ab, SS8G1, SS8E1-E2a

Standards:
SS8H1c, SS8H2, SS8G1, SS8E1-E2a

Essential Questions:

- What roles do the six essential elements of geography play in our lives?
- How would you describe the geographic regions of Georgia?
- How would you describe the climate of Georgia?
- What are Georgia's flora and fauna?
- What are the natural resources of Georgia?
- How have waterways influenced Georgia's exploration, settlement, and economic development?

Essential Questions:

- How did Georgia's prehistoric Indian tribes live?
- Which Indian nations lived in Georgia and how did they live?
- What were the effects of the interactions of Europeans and Native Americans?

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- What caused a rivalry between England and Spain in the New World?
- Why was the Georgia colony founded?
- In what ways did Georgia expand and succeed as a colony?
- What were the similarities and differences between the three colonial regions in terms of political, economic, and socio-religious development?
- What political forces shaped Georgia after it became a royal colony?

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REVOLUTION AND CONSTITUTION

Unit Four Focus:

Students will analyze the role of Georgia in the American Revolution. Students will place Georgia's role in the broader picture of American history. Examination of the subsequent chain of events that led to the establishment of the US government will take place. Correlations to modern Georgia government are made.

GEORGIA'S EARLY GROWTH

Unit Five Focus:

Students will place Georgia in the greater role of rapid national growth following the establishment of the United States by addressing the political, social and economic changes in the state.

THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

Unit Six Focus:

The student will analyze the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction in Georgia by examination of the broader causes and consequences of economic, political and social differences between the North and South.

Standards: SS8H3 – H4, SS8C1-C5, SS8E1, SS8E2a

Standards: SS8H5, SS8E1, E2a

Standards: SS8H6, SS8E1, E2a

Essential Questions:

- How was Georgia's role in the Revolutionary War affected by the attitudes of the colonists?
- Why was there an American Revolution?
- What was Georgia's role in the Constitutional Convention?
- What were the main elements of the Constitution of 1787?
- What are the roles of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state and federal government?
- What are the powers of Georgia's government?
- What duties and responsibilities do I have as a citizen?

Essential Questions:

- How did Georgia rebuild and expand its economy in the late 17th and early 18th century?
- How did lifestyles differ in Georgia between frontier families and town dwellers?
- How did Americans apply the concept of manifest destiny during the Antebellum period?
- How did the North and South differ before the Civil War?
- What was life like for Georgia slaves during the Antebellum period?
- What was Georgia like before the Civil War?

Essential Questions:

- What different events helped bring about the US Civil War?
- How did the economic, social and political differences lead to the Civil War?
- How do the results of the US Civil War still affect us today?
- What role did Georgia play during the Civil War?
- What strategies were selected to win the Civil War?
- What major battles took place in Georgia?
- How did lifestyles change during the War?
- What were Lincoln's plans for rebuilding the South after the Civil War?
- What changes occurred in Georgia during Reconstruction?
- How did Georgians work to improve their state after Reconstruction?
- What changes occurred to create the era of the "New South" in Georgia?

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CHANGES AND RESISTANCE IN GEORGIA

Unit Seven Focus:

The student will examine the key political, social and economic changes that took place during the Progressive Era. Correlations between these changes and the causes of the Great Depression will be evaluated.

GEORGIA DURING WWI AND WWII

Unit Eight Focus:

The student will explain the issues leading up to WWI and WWII and the impact of the wars on the US economy – students will also evaluate the importance of WWII and its impact on the Great Depression.

GEORGIA AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Unit Nine Focus:

The student will examine Georgia's role in the Civil Rights movement and its impact on Georgia's continued social development.

Standards: SS8H7a,b,c; SS8E1-4

Standards: SS8H7d, SS8H8-H9; SS8E1-5

Standards: SS8H11, SS8E1-E2a, E5

Essential Questions:

- What changes were goals of the progressive movement?
- What were the goals of the populists in Georgia?
- In what ways did Georgians fight for civil rights during the progressive era?
- How did Georgia businesses grow during the progressive era?
- What made the 1920s 'roaring'?
- How did the climate of the 1920s eventually lead to the Great Depression?

Essential Questions:

- How did the results of WWI help bring about WWII?
- What actions and events helped bring about WWI?
- How did WWII help pull the US out of the Great Depression?
- How did the Great Depression affect Georgians?
- How did Georgians benefit from the New Deal?
- How did World War II affect Georgians?
- How was life in the U.S. different after WWII?
- What events affected Georgians after World War II?

Essential Questions:

- What advances were made in civil rights during the postwar period?
- What key events brought about the advances in civil rights?
- Who were the key figures in the civil rights movement and what contributions did they make?
- How did the actions by civil rights activists affect the economy?
- How did the civil rights movement affect Georgia and still continues to today?

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MODERN GEORGIA

Unit Ten Focus:

The student will explain the role of major historical events from WWII to present and how their impact has shaped modern Georgia.

Standards:

SS8H10, 12; SS8CG1-6; SS8E1-5; SS8G2

Essential Questions:

- How have Interstates and air travel effected the development of Georgia's economy?
- How have population changes in Georgia affected politics in the state?
- What major events have made an impact on Georgia and what have been the results of these?
 - How did Georgia change during the 1980s?
 - How did Georgia change economically and politically in the 1990s?
 - How did the acts of terrorists change Georgia?
- What important issues face Georgians in the 21st century?