

# GEOGRAPHY and ECONOMIC VOCABULARY DEFINITIONS

(adapted from Georgia Department of Education Teacher Notes)

Appalachian Plateau Region	Georgia's smallest region located in the northwestern corner of the state; known for tourism, but not for agriculture
Valley and Ridge Region	Georgia region characterized by low open valleys and narrow ridges; location of many of Georgia's textile industries; I-75 interstate connecting in Chattanooga, TN to Atlanta, GA
Blue Ridge Region	a name for a group of mountains located in the Appalachian chain that are characterized by a "blue" haze that surrounds their peaks; highest elevation in Georgia; source of water
Piedmont Region	Georgia's most populated region known for its red clay and granite resources; also known as "the foot of the mountains"; largest populated region of Georgia due to metro Atlanta
Coastal Plains Region	Georgia's largest region; makes up 3/5 of the state; flat landscape and warm climate allow for the growing of a wide variety of agricultural crops such as peanuts, onions, and watermelons
Appalachian Mountains	Oldest mountain chain in North American that stretches from Georgia to Maine; located in the northern three regions of Georgia; source of much of the state's precipitation
Savannah River	major river that is used for trade and makes up Georgia's eastern border with South Carolina
Chattahoochee River	important Georgia river that forms part of the western boundary of the state with Alabama
Fall Line	a geographic boundary that separates the Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions; named for decrease in elevation; kaolin resource and source of hydroelectric power
Okefenokee Swamp	the largest swamp in North America; located in southeastern Georgia
Barrier Islands	several island off Georgia's coast; inhabited by Native Americans; the Spanish built several missions on these islands; site many tourist locations and attractions
Northern and Western Hemispheres	lines of latitude and longitude that divide the earth into halves; hemispheres that describe Georgia's location
North America	name of the continent that Georgia is located on
United States	Georgia is one of 50 states of this nation
Southeast Region	section of the country where Georgia is located that has a similar geography and culture
Climate	prevailing weather conditions of a location over time
Humid Subtropical	Georgia's climate, which is characterized by four seasons; hot summers and mild winters
Savannah	the first capital of Georgia; founded in 1733 by James Oglethorpe; also one of the largest deepwater ports in America
Brunswick	deepwater port along Georgia's coast; shipyard during WWII
Income	the amount of money a person earns through wages or selling goods and services
Spending	the amount a person purchases using either cash or credit
Savings	setting aside of income for future use
Credit	an amount of money loaned to a person that must be paid back along with additional interest
Investing	using one's own savings to purchase stocks (shares) of a company, or buying anything of value and reselling when the value increases over time
Goods	Raw materials or finished products that people or businesses want or need
Services	actions people or businesses provide to other businesses or consumers
Deepwater Ports	important water ways used for shipping cargo; location of shipyards during World War II; two are located in Savannah and Brunswick
Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport	the world's busiest airport; located in Atlanta; named after Atlanta mayors William B. Hartsfield and Maynard Jackson
Interstate Highway	national highway system established by the federal government in 1950s;

System	improves trade and travel domestically in the United States
Railroads	an important mode of transportation used to ship a large amount of goods nationwide; many of Georgia's cities were developed due to the railroad; particularly the city of Atlanta
Entrepreneurial Risk	personal and financial risk taken by a person in order to start and maintain a business
Profit	the amount of money an entrepreneur or business makes after paying its expenses; the main incentive to open and continue operating a business
Coca-Cola	the world's largest producer of non-alcoholic beverages; founded in Atlanta in 1886
Delta Airlines	the world's largest passenger airline; founded in Macon in 1924
Georgia Pacific	the world's leading producer of paper, tissue, and construction-based chemicals; founded in Augusta in 1924
Home Depot	the world's largest hardware home improvement center and second largest retailer; founded in Atlanta in 1978

