

## Geography Notes -

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

- By looking at the World Map on the Flipchart, what continent do you live on?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What 2 hemispheres do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Nation = \_\_\_\_\_
- What nation do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- What region of our nation do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- What state do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_
- What 5 states border Georgia?
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
- What is geography? The science of studying the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Latitude: The distance measured \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Longitude: The distance measured \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Georgia's Geographical Regions:

#### ❖ Appalachian Plateau:

- Northwestern \_\_\_\_\_ of Georgia
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Chain
- Made of mountains, forests, and waterfalls
- "TAG Corner"
- Economically dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Home to Chickamauga (Civil War battlefield)
- Mild Climate: 70 F summer, 40 F winter
- Cities: Lafayette, Trenton

#### ❖ Valley and Ridge: (Also known as Ridge and Valley)

- Northwest Georgia
- Low valleys and high ridges

- Appalachian Mountain chain
- Economically dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ (apples, corn, wheat) and \_\_\_\_\_ (carpet)
- Major city: Dalton, Ellijay
- Climate: similar to Appalachian Plateau

### ❖ Blue Ridge:

- Northeast Georgia
- Made of Blue Ridge \_\_\_\_\_ (part of Appalachian Mtn. Chain), waterfalls, and canyons
- Home to Georgia's highest peak (Brasstown Bald), the Appalachian Trail, and Amicalola Falls
- Chattahoochee River starts here
- Economy depends on \_\_\_\_\_ (gold, copper, marble), \_\_\_\_\_, but little agriculture.
- Cities: Helen and Dahlonega
- Climate: similar to rest of North Georgia
- Receives the most rain and snow in Georgia

### ❖ Piedmont:

- Central Georgia
- Low rolling hills
- Known for Georgia "red clay"
- Economy depends on \_\_\_\_\_ resources (granite and marble) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (soybean, wheat, corn, poultry, and cattle), and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Cities: Gainesville and Atlanta
- Most \_\_\_\_\_ region
- Fall Line makes up the Southern border
- Savannah and Chattahoochee Rivers
- Climate: mild, slightly warmer than northern regions

### ❖ Coastal Plain:

- South Georgia - \_\_\_\_\_ land
- Bordered by Chattahoochee, Savannah, and St. Mary's Rivers

- Economically dependent on \_\_\_\_\_ (peanuts, pecans, corn, onions), \_\_\_\_\_ (shipyards), natural resources (kaolin), and tourism
  - Barrier islands separate Georgia from the Atlantic Ocean
  - The Fall Line separates the Coastal Plain from the Piedmont
  - Major deepwater ports like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Home of the largest freshwater swamp in the world: Okefenokee
  - Climate: hotter and more humid than other regions
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## **Georgia's Physical Features:**

### **❖ Appalachian Mountain Chain**

- Mountain chain beginning in Northern Georgia
- Helps provide \_\_\_\_\_ for Georgia
- Highest point in Georgia is Brasstown Bald (5,000 feet high)
- Appalachian Trail begins at Springer Mountain
- Appalachian Mountains bring \_\_\_\_\_ to Georgia which contributes to our economy

### **❖ Chattahoochee River**

- Begins in Blue Ridge Region
- Flows into Lake Lanier
- Forms \_\_\_\_\_ border of Georgia and empties into the Gulf of Mexico
- Supplies water, food, and hydroelectricity to Georgians
- Provides tourist spots for fishing and recreation

### **❖ The Fall Line**

- Natural boundary between Piedmont and Coastal Plain regions
- Made up of \_\_\_\_\_
- Exists because water from the higher elevation of Piedmont flows into flat land of Coastal Plain
- Stretches across state from Columbus, to Macon, on to Augusta
- Provides hydroelectricity
- Early settlers settled here creating cities that exist today

### ❖ The Savannah River

- Flows from South Carolina
- Forms the \_\_\_\_\_ border of Georgia
- Empties into the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean
- Provides Georgians with water, food, and hydroelectricity
- Tourist attraction for fishing and recreation
- Helps with Georgia's economy because imports and exports can be delivered to major ports in Savannah

### ❖ Barrier Islands:

- Series of \_\_\_\_\_ along Georgia's coast
- Coastal Plain Region
- Separates Georgia from Atlantic Ocean
- Protects mainland from wind and erosion
- Tourists are attracted to area
- Wildlife reserves and wilderness sanctuaries also make up the area

### ❖ Okefenokee Swamp:

- 700 square miles of freshwater \_\_\_\_\_
  - Coastal Plain Region
  - Home to hundreds of species of plants and a wide variety of animals
  - Attracts \_\_\_\_\_ to Coastal Plain Region
  - Protected as a Wildlife Refuge because of President Franklin Roosevelt
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**Climate:** Georgia has a \_\_\_\_\_ climate! (warm summers and cool winters)

- Climate affects \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.