

Geography of Georgia



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- Which statement describes Georgia's relative location?
 - a. Georgia is a northeastern state.
 - b. Georgia is located north of Florida.
 - c. Georgia is located in the Southwestern United States.
 - d. Georgia is located between 30 – 35 degrees east latitude and between 80 – 85 west longitude.



- Answer:
Georgia is located
north of Florida.



- In which region is the Okefenokee Swamp located?



- Answer:
Coastal Plain



- Why have many of Georgia's cities and industries grown up along the Fall Line?
 - a. Railroads were already built there.
 - b. Rapid flowing rivers were a source of energy.
 - c. Ships can travel northward from there to the northeast.
 - d. The land along the Fall Line was fertile and perfect for farming.



- Answer:

Rapid flowing rivers were
a source of energy.



- What is the highest peak in Georgia?



- Answer:

Brasstown Bald



- Perhaps the MOST IMPORTANT reason to invest in expanding infrastructure is to:
 - a. help the economy to grow.
 - b. attract new airlines to Georgia.
 - c. keep abreast of new developments.
 - d. ensure that traffic congestion is minimized.



- Answer:
help the economy to
grow.



- Georgia is divided into five different physical regions. Which one of these covers the largest part of the state?



- Answer:
Coastal Plain



- The earliest settlement of Georgia by the first English colonists was along which Georgia river?



- Answer:

Savannah River



- Which statement is not true about Georgia's transportation systems?
 - a. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is one of the busiest airports in the world.
 - b. Savannah is the 4th largest container port in the U.S.
 - c. Georgia's lack of interstate highways negatively affects the flow of goods through the state.
 - d. Georgia has 5000 miles of railroad tracks in the state.



- Answer:

Georgia's lack of interstate highways negatively affects the flow of goods through the state.



- On which continent is Georgia located?



- Answer:
North America



- The mountain chain which reaches into northern Georgia is the:



- Answer:
Appalachians



- Which agricultural product is most commonly associated with the Ridge and Valley Region?



- Answer:
Apples



- Through which physiographic (geographic) regions do the Appalachian Mountains run?
 - a. Coastal Plain, Blue Ridge, Ridge and Valley
 - b. Blue Ridge, Appalachian Plateau, Coastal Plain
 - c. Ridge and Valley, Appalachian Plateau, Piedmont
 - d. Blue Ridge, Ridge and Valley, Appalachian Plateau



- Answer:
- Blue Ridge, Ridge and Valley, Appalachian Plateau



- Georgia ranks fourth in the nation in the number of wetlands found in the state. Which statement does NOT describe a wetland?
 - a. A wetland contains sloughs, swamps, bogs, ponds, and freshwater marshes.
 - b. A wetland is a low-lying area where water lies close to the surface.
 - c. A wetland contains salt marshes and is found along the coast.
 - d. A wetland is located in an area with heavy annual rainfall.



- Answer:

A wetland is located in an area with heavy annual rainfall.



- If you were hiking from Georgia to Maine, which geographic region would be the best starting point?



- Answer:
Blue Ridge



- What is the primary function of the barrier islands?
 - a. They serve as well-stocked hunting preserves.
 - b. They protect wild horses from extinction.
 - c. They are frequent targets of hurricanes.
 - d. They protect the beaches from erosion.



- Answer:

They protect the
beaches from erosion.




- When describing Georgia in relation to the rest of the United States, it would be correct to say Georgia is in which region?



- Answer:
Southeastern



- **Over the past several decades, many international companies have moved their manufacturing and production warehouses to Georgia. Since these goods have to be shipped once they are produced, why is Georgia a wise choice for these companies?**
 - a. The interaction of our airports, roads, deepwater ports, and railroads makes it easy to ship goods in, around, and out of the state.**
 - b. Since the climate is not good for farming, it makes more sense to use the land for manufacturing.**
 - c. Being right in the middle of the country makes Georgia equal distances from most major cities.**
 - d. Georgia is more stable than most states, and we have not had problems with droughts, wars, or depressions in the past.**
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- Answer:

The interaction of our airports, roads, deepwater ports, and railroads makes it easy to ship goods in, around, and out of the state.



- The region of Georgia that receives the most rainfall is the



- Answer:
Blue Ridge



- What is one major benefit of having four large transportation systems in Georgia?
 - a. Traffic is not a concern.
 - b. There is not as much pollution.
 - c. It is easy to move goods and services.
 - d. It eliminates the need for the Post Office.



- Answer:

It is easy to move
goods and services.



- Which geographic feature is **not** located in Georgia's physiographic system?
 - a. Rocky Mountains
 - b. Blue Ridge Mountains
 - c. Appalachian Mountains
 - d. Stone Mountain



- Answer:
Rocky Mountains



- Why is the Chattahoochee River important to Georgia?
 - a. It is the primary mode of transportation between Georgia, Alabama, and Florida.
 - b. It provides several areas of the state with drinking and recreational activities.
 - c. Savannah uses it for the city's deepwater port.
 - d. There are no other rivers that run through the middle of the state.



- Answer:

It provides several areas of the state with drinking and recreational activities.



- Which is not a typical consequence of drought in Georgia?
 - a. Fire warnings
 - b. Water conservation measures
 - c. Shrubs flourish or thrive
 - d. Lawns turn brown



- Answer:

Shrubs flourish or
thrive



- Marcus is travelling in the northwest portion of Georgia. He notices that as he travels he is consistently going over steep hills and plateaus and then back into low areas. In which geographic region is Marcus travelling?
 - a. Piedmont
 - b. Coastal Plain
 - c. Blue Ridge
 - d. Valley and Ridge



- Answer:
Ridge & Valley



Which Georgia region is described by these phrases?

- Smallest region
- Source of coal deposits
- Location of Lookout Mountain



- Answer:

Appalachian Plateau



- Which is a characteristic of the Okefenokee Swamp?
 - a. It is located in the Piedmont region.
 - b. It has the most precipitation in the state.
 - c. It is famous for its hydroelectric potential.
 - d. It is the largest freshwater marsh in Georgia.



- Answer:

It is the largest
freshwater marsh in
Georgia.



- In what area of Georgia is the Appalachian Plateau located?



- Answer:
Northwest



- Today, most of Georgia's sea islands are protected by the state or federal government. What is the main reason they are protected?
 - a. to prevent the development of desalinization plants
 - b. to allow the development of tourism
 - c. to preserve the natural environment
 - d. to promote hunting and fishing



- Answer:
to preserve the
natural environment



- Why is Georgia a good place to have a business that produces goods that get sold around the country and around the world?
 - a. Georgia has four major transportation systems including a major airport to help move goods around.
 - b. Georgia does not charge any taxes on property so it is cheaper to produce here.
 - c. Labor is much cheaper in Georgia because of immigration concerns.
 - d. There is very little rain in Georgia so shipping does not get disrupted by weather.



- Answer:

Georgia has four major transportation systems including a major airport to help move goods around.



- The area around Dalton, Georgia, in the Ridge and Valley region, is known for its world leadership in which industry?



- Answer:
Carpet



- Which industry is MOST affected by Georgia's mild climate?
 - a. agriculture
 - b. chemical
 - c. mining
 - d. transportation



- Answer:
Agriculture



- In which region is Atlanta located?



- Answer:
Piedmont



- What river has its headwaters in the mountains of north Georgia and form part of the boundary between Georgia and Alabama?



- Answer:

Chattahoochee River



- Georgia's climate attracts business and industry because the state
 - a. does not have hurricanes.
 - b. seldom receives much snow.
 - c. rarely experiences tornadoes.
 - d. has a consistently mild climate



- Answer:
has a consistently
mild climate



All of the jobs in this list exist because of:

- Dock workers and tugboat drivers
 - Highway construction workers
 - Railroad engineers
 - Pilots and airline mechanics

- a. Government laws
- b. Funding from legislature
- c. Georgia's transportation systems
- d. Programs from UGA

- Answer:
Georgia's
transportation systems



- What two regions are separated by the Fall Line?



- Answer:

Piedmont and Coastal
Plain



- Into which hemisphere does the prime meridian place Georgia?



- Answer:

Western Hemisphere



- What region is known for the production of peanuts, Vidalia onions, and pecans?



- Answer:
Coastal Plain



- The border between the Georgia Piedmont and the Coastal Plain marks the point at which rivers drop in elevation creating waterfalls. This border is known as the



- Answer:
The Fall Line



- Which region is the most populated?



- Answer:
Piedmont



- What river is the primary source of water for Atlanta?



- Answer:
Chattahoochee



- Into which hemisphere does the equator place Georgia?



- Answer:

Northern Hemisphere



- Which geographical region of Georgia is characterized by its red clay, gently sloping hills, and bedrock?



- Answer:
Piedmont



- Which does NOT describe a reason for the success of Georgia's seaports?
 - a. Georgia's lack of state and local taxes on seaports and terminals.
 - b. Georgia's large number of interstate and intrastate truckers.
 - c. Georgia's network of interstate highways.
 - d. Georgia's two major railroads.



- Answer:

Georgia's lack of state
and local taxes on
seaports and
terminals.

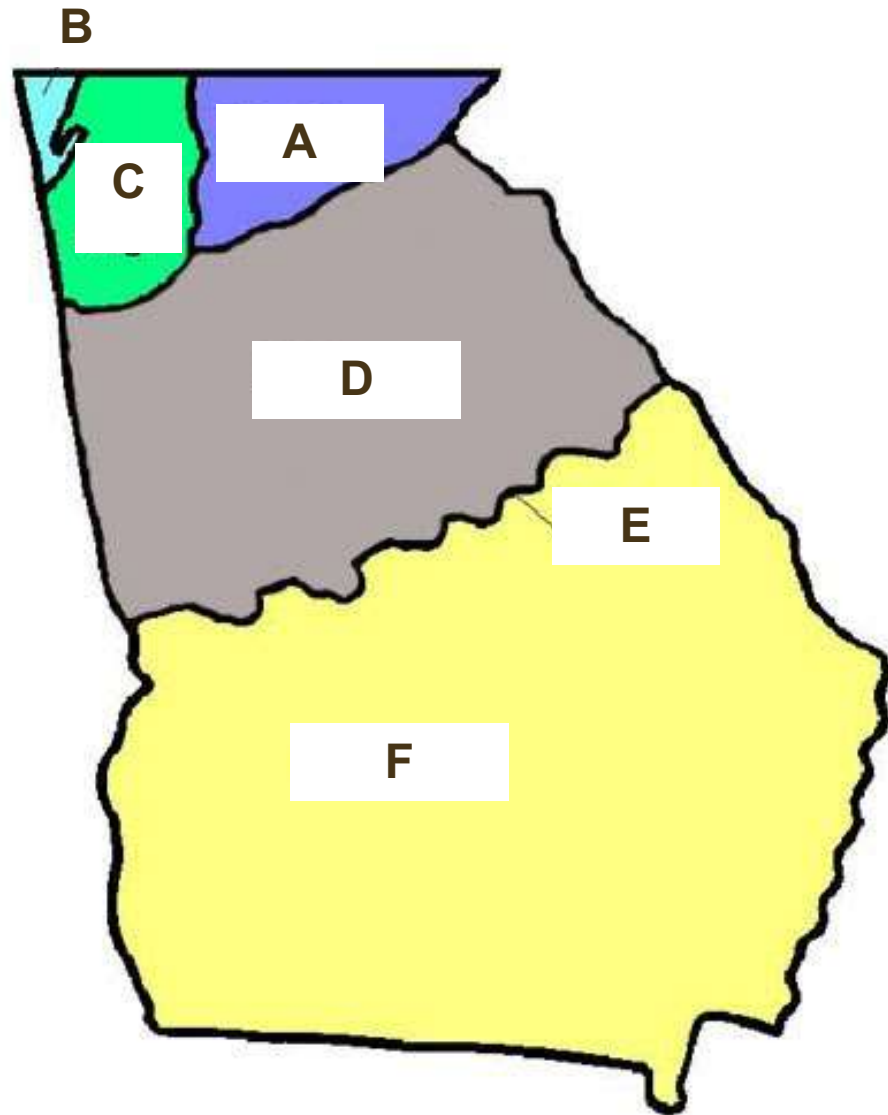


- Which city is located on the Fall Line?
 - a. Atlanta
 - b. Columbus
 - c. Savannah
 - d. McDonough



- Answer:
Columbus





VOCABULARY Matching



port authority	An area of the Earth's surface that is defined by certain unifying characteristics
warehousing	The agency in charge of the ports where ships load and unload cargo
region	The physical facilities built, operated and maintained by a government (i.e. roads and railroads)
tonnage	Goods or merchandise that is stored in a warehouse until needed
infrastructure	The amount of weight in tons that a vehicle carries


commerce	The load carried by a vehicle.
cargo	The beginning, source, or cause of something.
urban	The place set for the end of the journey.
origin	The buying and selling of goods, especially in a large way; trade.
destination	A densely settled area with a combined population of 50,000 or more that is located next to a city.

terminate	A continuous movement or flow of air
interstate	To end
international	An occupation, trade, profession, or job
wind current	Between different states, as in interstate highways and interstate commerce
employment	Between nations, having to do with two or more nations

absolute location	Within the same state, as in commerce between two cities within the same state
intrastate	Having to do with, or made in, one's own country
domestic	Land that lies just off the coast and protects the beaches
Fall Line	Identifies a precise position on the Earth's surface
barrier islands	The point at which hilly or mountainous lands meet the coastal plain

climate	The basis of the state's wealth as a means of providing its people with a more comfortable life through better jobs and higher incomes.
commodities	The day-to-day conditions and changes in the atmosphere
economy	Any article of trade bought and sold in large quantities for transportation and sale to merchants and their customers
weather	The method of transportation
mode	The type of weather a region experiences over a long period of time

relative location	The route or passageway
freight	Lack of precipitation over a period of time that results in water shortages
corridors	The goods or cargo carried from one place to another.
drought	Rivers of ocean water
ocean currents	Describes where a place is located compared with other places



What is the continental shelf?

- a) That portion of the continent or coastal plain that extends into the ocean
- b) The edge of a barrier island
- c) Shifts in continents over time
- d) Where the coastline meets a continent



- Answer:

That portion of the
continent or coastal
plain that extends into
the ocean



What is a wetland?

- a) Areas that get above average rainfall each year
- b) Low-lying land area where water lies close to the surface creating sloughs, swamps, bogs, ponds, and freshwater marshes
- c) Areas where competitive water sports are played.
- d) High elevation areas around mountains



- Answer:

a) Low-lying land area where water lies close to the surface creating sloughs, swamps, bogs, ponds, and freshwater marshes



Written Response

(See Handout)

