

How have physical features
helped the development of
Georgia? (8G1c)



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of your interactive notebook.

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Physical Feature	Location	Importance to Georgia's Development
Fall Line		
Okefenokee Swamp		
Appalachian Mountains		

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Chattahoochee River		
Savannah River		
Barrier Islands		

As each slide is shown,
write the information in
the appropriate column
of the chart on the back
of your map.

Fall Line



Location

- ❧ Separates the Piedmont from the Coastal Plain
- ❧ Runs across the state and includes the cities of Columbus, Macon, and Augusta

Importance

- ❧ Stopped many of the earliest settlers from coming further inland, so many early settlements were here
- ❧ Power source for earliest inhabitants through modern textile mills



Small waterfalls like this are along the Fall Line.

Okefenokee Swamp



Location

- ❧ Southeast Georgia
- ❧ Outer Coastal Plain
near Waycross and
Folkston

Importance

- ❧ Important ecosystem
that is home to many
species of animals,
including some that are
endangered
- ❧ Attracts tourists and
research scientists



Dark waters of the Okefenokee Swamp

Appalachian Mountains



Location

- ❧ Northeast Georgia
- ❧ Also called Blue Ridge Mountains

Importance

- ❧ Precipitation from here supplies water to whole state
- ❧ Tourism brings visitors with money
- ❧ Retirees move to area



Amicalola Falls is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River.

Chattahoochee River



Location

- ❧ Begins in the north Georgia mountains
- ❧ Flows southwest to Atlanta and Columbus
- ❧ Continues southward to Gulf of Mexico
- ❧ Forms part of border with Alabama

Importance

- ❧ Provides drinking water for Atlanta and other cities
- ❧ Lakes (reservoirs) that are formed from it provide recreation – boating, fishing, skiing



Chattahoochee River winds its way over much of our state.

Savannah River



Location

- ❧ Forms border between Georgia and South Carolina
- ❧ Empties into Atlantic Ocean

Importance

- ❧ One of Georgia's original boundaries
- ❧ Port of Savannah – one in 7 jobs in GA relies on goods being shipped in or out of Savannah



The Savannah River Port is the #2 export facility in the United States.

Barrier Islands



Importance

Location

- ❧ Off Georgia's mainland on the Atlantic coast

- ❧ Islands provide natural barrier to mainland from storms
- ❧ Visitors take vacations on the islands
- ❧ Important ecosystem – 1/3 of east coast's salt marshes are on GA's coast
- ❧ Jekyll – state park
- ❧ Cumberland – national seashore



Jekyll Island – one of Georgia's barrier islands

