



Marietta City Schools

District Unit Planner

Grade 2 Social Studies

Theme	<i>Our Georgia: Geography</i>	Unit duration (Days)	<i>12 - 25 Days</i>
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GSE Standards

SS2G1 Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia's surface.

- Locate and compare the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau.
- Locate on a physical map the major rivers: Savannah, Flint, and Chattahoochee.

Information Processing Skills:

- compare similarities and differences
- distinguish between fact and opinion
- identify main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context
- identify and use primary and secondary sources
- identify social studies reference resources to use for a specific purpose
- construct charts and tables

Map and Globe Skills:

- use a compass rose to identify cardinal directions
- use intermediate directions
- compare and contrast the categories of natural, cultural, and political features found on maps
- use a map to explain the impact of geography on historical and current event

Themes and Enduring Understandings:

Location: The student will understand that location affects a society's economy, culture, and development. K-5 EU: The student will understand that where people live matters

Essential Questions

Factual—

Where can you locate each river and region on the map?
Where is Georgia Located?

Inferential—

Why are many of Georgia’s cities and towns built near rivers?
How do resources impact Georgians?

Critical Thinking-

In what ways are the five regions of Georgia similar and different?
Which region would you most like to live in or visit? Why?

Tier II Words- High Frequency Multiple Meaning

Tier III Words- Subject/ Content Related Words

Locate	Physical Map, Geographic
Compare	Number and grid system
Region	Topographic, Topography
Surface	Georgia
Major	Geographic regions: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau
	Rivers: Savannah, Flint, and Chattahoochee
	Region: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, Appalachian Plateau Savannah River

Assessments

Summative Assessment(s):

Our Georgia Geography Anticipation Guide and Assessment

Assessment guides are designed to be given pre and post teaching and learning. Teachers can use the pre assessment to guide planning for instruction and providing differentiation to students as needed. Post teaching the assessments measure student understanding of unit content.

Standards: All unit GSE

*Teachers can access the anticipation guides via the grade level Schoology Group.

Theme Based Writing Task and Rubric

Pick Two- Students choose two regions and write two sentences related to similarities and two sentences related to differences between the regions.

Standards: All GSE for the unit.

Objective or Content	Learning Experiences	Differentiation Considerations
Teacher Resources	<p>Parent Information Letter This letter is provided for schools to share with parents to introduce the unit. It includes a section for school specific information and news. For example, if completing the <i>Then and Now Museum</i> activity- add a donation request.</p> <p>Teacher Notes guide teachers in understanding the content for the unit.</p> <p>Additional unit information may be found at the GADOE GPS Landing Page</p>	N/A
SS2G1 Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia’s surface. a. Locate and compare the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau.	<p>Regions Book Examine the features of Georgia’s Five Geographic Regions</p>	Enlarge documents or stretch the boxes over pages to give students more room to write. Complete the boxes in advance- students highlight or color key vocabulary terms. Provide pre-written facts for students to place in a larger diagram first. Comparing and contrasting is often a hard concept to grasp without intentional modeling and thinking aloud. Practice this skill prior to teaching.
SS2G1 Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia’s surface.	<p>Y’all Come Visit Georgia Create an advertisement for Georgia Tourism</p>	Allow students to work with a partner Provide the checklist and rubric and discuss prior to beginning work. Allow other ways to show their thinking:

<p>a. Locate and compare the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau.</p>		<p>brochure (as listed above), PowerPoint, recorded interview, news report, etc. Share an authentic brochure to give students a visual. Some students may benefit from a graphic organizer for their brochure.</p>
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Recommended High Quality Complex Texts

Regions and Rivers of Georgia (Social Studies Readers) Kathleen Kopp
Me on a Map Joan Sweeney
Georgia (America the Beautiful Series) by G.S. Prentzas
Georgia: What’s so Great About This State? by Kate Boehm Jerome

Discovery Education Videos
[Georgia](#)
[The Southern Region](#)