



**Marietta City Schools**  
**2023–2024 District Unit Planner**

*Grade 2 Social Studies*

<b>Theme</b>	<i>Our Georgia: Geography</i>	<b>Unit duration (Days)</b>	<i>12 - 25 Days</i>
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**GA DoE Standards**

**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.
- b. Locate on a physical map the major rivers: Savannah, Flint, and Chattahoochee.

**Information Processing Skills:**

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

**Map and Globe Skills:**

1. use a compass rose to identify cardinal directions
2. use intermediate directions
4. compare and contrast the categories of natural, cultural, and political features found on maps
7. 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  
Compare  
Region  
Surface  
Major

Physical Map, Geographic  
Number and grid system  
Topographic, Topography  
Georgia  
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
<p><b>Teacher Resources</b> These resources are intended to support teachers with background information</p>	<p><a href="#">Parent Information Letter</a>. 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><a href="#">Teacher Notes</a> guide teachers in understanding the content for the unit.</p> <p>Additional unit information may be found at the <a href="#">GADOE GPS Landing Page</a></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>SS2G1 Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia's surface.</b></p> <p>a. Locate and compare the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau.</p>	<p><a href="#">Regions Book</a> Examine the features of Georgia's Five Geographic Regions</p>	<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.</p>

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<p><b>Recommended High Quality Complex Texts</b></p>		
<p><i>Regions and Rivers of Georgia</i> (Social Studies Readers) Kathleen Kopp  <i>Me on a Map</i> Joan Sweeney  <i>Georgia (America the Beautiful Series)</i> by G.S. Prentzas  <i>Georgia: What’s so Great About This State?</i> by Kate Boehm Jerome</p> <p><b><u>Discovery Education Videos</u></b>  <a href="#">Georgia</a>  <a href="#">The Southern Region</a></p>		