Georgia Geography

A set of student booklets and activities designed to teach comprehension skills related to informational reading. These activities focus on the geographic regions and rivers in Georgia.

This activity pack focuses on Georgia CC Language Arts Informational Literature standards and Social Studies standards for second grade.

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Packet Contents & Directions

1. Regions and rivers anchor cards and vocabulary cards.
2. “Road Trip Georgia” 11-page student informational booklet.
   Print on both sides, fold, and staple.
3. “Georgia Regions” matching activity. Match vocabulary words with definitions.
   Includes a recording sheet and answer sheet.
4. Informational text details cut and paste activity that accompanies the “Road Trip” books.
5. “Rollin on the River” A student booklet about Georgia’s major rivers.
   Print on both sides. Fold and staple.
6. Georgia rivers concept map.
7. Informational text comprehension questions to be used with “Rollin on the River” books.
Explore Georgia!
Essential Questions

Describe the geographic regions in Georgia.
Identify and locate the major rivers in Georgia.
Standards

SS2G1 Locate all the geographic regions of Georgia: Blue Ridge Mountains, Piedmont, Coastal Plain, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau.

SS2G1b Locate the major rivers: Altamaha, Flint, Chattahoochee, St. Marys, Ocmulgee, Oconee, Savannah.
Georgia’s Rivers

Flint River

Oconee River
Altamaha River

Chattahoochee River

Ocmulgee River
Savannah River
St. Marys River
Georgia's Regions
Lower Coastal Plain
Upper Coastal Plain
Blue Ridge Mountains
Valley and Ridge Region
Appalachian Plateau
Road Trip!
Around Our State

Traveler’s Name___________

Georgia
Where will we go?

Let’s explore Georgia’s regions! A **region** is named for the way the land is formed.

Can you label them?

1. ___________
2. ___________
3. ___________
4. ___________
5. ___________
6. ___________
7. ___________
8. ___________

**Word Play!**

Unscramble the letters to see what words you can make. Use the words below.

1. LAPUTEA ___________
2. CLSOTAA ___________
3. NROGEI ___________
4. VLYELA ___________
5. DSINALS ___________
6. DRESIG ___________
7. MPNEDIOT ___________
8. LANATTACKA ___________

region
valley
Piedmont
ridges
plateau
islands
coastal
Atlanta
The Appalachian Plateau

The Appalachian Plateau is in the northwest corner of Georgia.

Can you color it?

A plateau is a geographic region. The Appalachian Plateau is the smallest region in Georgia. The mountains in this region are flat at the top. This high, flat land is a plateau.

Cherokee Indians once lived in this region.
The Ridge & Valley Region

This region is in north Georgia. It is east of the Appalachian Plateau.

Can you color it?

A **ridge** is a long, narrow chain of mountains. At the bottom of these mountains are **valleys**.

The first Indians here lived in the valleys. Here, they were close to water, and the soil was good for farming.

**Sequoyah** was a Cherokee Indian who came to this area.

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Home Again!

**What region do you live in?**

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Describe the geography of your region. What is the land like?

________________________________

Tell something interesting about your region.

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**The Lower Coastal Plain**

This region is in southeast Georgia on the Atlantic Ocean.

Can you color it?

The land is very flat here. Most of Georgia’s beaches are in this region. Many islands stretch along the coast. There are also marshes in this area.

Creek Indians once lived here. Tomochichi and Mary Musgrove were Creek Indians. They helped start the first city in Georgia.

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**The Blue Ridge Mountains**

This region is in northeast Georgia.

Can you color it?

The mountains in this region are part of a larger chain of mountains called the Appalachian Mountains.

Many people like to hike and explore the waterfalls in this region.

The Chattahoochee River and the Savannah River begin here.
The Piedmont Region

This region is just below the Blue Ridge Mountains.

This region is full of rolling hills. The dirt here is red clay. Stone Mountain is in this region. The capital of Georgia, Atlanta, is in the Piedmont region. The Creek and Cherokee Indians lived here.

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The Upper Coastal Plain

This is Georgia’s largest region.

A plain is a wide, flat area of land. There are many farms in the coastal plain. The soil here is sandy.

Jackie Robinson was born in this region. He was the first African American major league baseball player.

The Creek Indians lived in this region.
Directions

1. Print and laminate the regions vocabulary cards and definition cards.
2. Provide a set of cards for each student, pair of students, or small group.
3. Students will match the vocabulary cards with the definition cards.
4. Students will write their answers on the matching recording sheet.
The name given for the way the land is formed.

This region is in the northwest corner of Georgia.

Mountains that are flat at the top.

Indians in this region settled in the valleys because the land was good for farming.
5. A long, narrow chain of mountains. These are part of the Appalachian Mountain chain.

6. The capital of Georgia is in this region.

7. A wide, flat area of land.
This is Georgia's largest region.

The first African American major league baseball player.

Many islands stretch along the coast in this region.

Creek Indians who helped start the first city in Georgia.
**Road Trip!**

Traveler________________________ Date ___________

Match the word cards with the definitions. Beside each word, write the letter of the correct definition.

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Read each detail on the attached sheet. Decide which region the detail is describing. Cut and paste the detail in the correct box.
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Rollin’ On the River!

Georgia’s Rivers

Name ____________________
Savannah River

Draw the Savannah River on this map.

The Savannah River flows between Georgia and South Carolina. It flows to Savannah and into the Atlantic Ocean. It starts in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Savannah River has three parts. Dams create lakes that provide drinking water. The dams also create electricity.

Chattahoochee River

The Chattahoochee River begins in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It flows into Lake Lanier. Lake Lanier holds water for the city of Atlanta. It forms the border between Georgia and Alabama.

Draw the Chattahoochee River on this map.

The Chattahoochee River has a pollution problem because there are so many people making wastewater in Atlanta. Wastewater is water leftover from when people bathe, use the restroom, and wash dishes.
Flint River

Draw the Flint River on this map.

The Flint River begins in the Piedmont region. It flows to Sprewell Bluff which is a high area of land. It flows into the Upper Coastal Plain, and it becomes deeper and wider.

Dams on the Flint River create lakes. The Flint River provides water for cities and farms. It flows over 200 miles to the ocean.

The Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers

These rivers are in central Georgia. The Oconee River flows through the Oconee National Forest. Some water from the Ocmulgee River goes into a reservoir. A reservoir is a lake where cities get water to drink.

Draw the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers.

The Oconee River and Ocmulgee River join together to form the Altamaha River.
**Altamaha River**

The Altamaha River begins where the Oconee and Ocmulgee Rivers join together. It is the longest river on the Atlantic coast that flows freely without any dams. Indians once camped on this river. It was named after a Yamasee Indian chief, Chief Altamaha.

The Altamaha River flows to the Atlantic Ocean.

Draw the Altamaha River on this map.

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**The St. Marys River**

Draw the St. Marys River on this map.

The St. Marys River is in south Georgia, and it forms the border between Georgia and Florida. It begins in the Okefenokee Swamp. It flows through many swamps and has many marshes.

St. Marys River flows through St. Marys Harbor and into the Atlantic Ocean.
Rivers of Georgia

1. Which river flows between Georgia and South Carolina?

2. What lake does the Chattahoochee River flow into?

3. In which geographic region does the Flint River begin?

4. Which two rivers join to form the Altamaha River?

5. What is a reservoir?

6. What is the longest river on the Atlantic coast that flows freely?

7. Which river forms the border between Georgia and Florida?

8. The Oconee River flows through which national forest?
Georgia’s
Regions and Rivers
Comprehension Scoot Game!

Directions

1. Print and laminate the game cards on cardstock.
2. Cut the cards in half.
3. Give each student a copy of the answer sheet.
4. Place the cards around the room. Allow students to choose a starting point and have them rotate in order as you give the signal.

Or

Give students a certain amount of time to find each card and record the correct answer.
1. How many geographic regions are found in Georgia?

A. 6  
B. 4  
C. 7

2. What do we call a long narrow chain of mountains?

A. a valley  
B. a reservoir  
C. a ridge
3. What is the largest geographic region in Georgia?

A. Piedmont Region
B. Upper Coastal Plain
C. Appalachian Plateau

4. What do we call mountains that are flat on top?

A. plains
B. valleys
C. plateaus
5. In what region is the capital of Georgia?

A. Piedmont Region
B. Ridge and Valley Region
C. Lower Coastal Plain

6. Many islands stretch along the coast in the ________________?

A. Piedmont Region
B. Blue Ridge Mountains
C. Lower Coastal Plain
7. What is the soil like in the Piedmont Region?

A. red clay  
B. sandy  
C. rocky

8. Which region is the smallest region?

A. Lower Coastal Plain  
B. Appalachian Plateau  
C. Blue Ridge Mountains
9. Where do the Chattahoochee and Savannah Rivers begin?

A. Blue Ridge Mountains
B. Appalachian Plateau
C. Valley and Ridge Region

10. What do we call a wide, flat area of land?

A. island
B. plain
C. ridge
11. Which river flows between Georgia and South Carolina?

A. Flint River  
B. Altamaha River  
C. Savannah River

12. What are used to create lakes that provide drinking water?

A. bridges  
B. dams  
C. wastewater
13. The Ocmulgee River and the Oconee River join together to form which river?

A. Altamaha River  
B. St. Marys River  
C. Flint River

14. The St. Marys River forms the border between Georgia and ______.

A. Florida  
B. Alabama  
C. Tennessee
15. Who was the Altamaha River named after?

A. a Spanish explorer
B. a U.S. president
C. a Yamasee Indian chief

16. Which river begins in the Okefenokee Swamp?

A. Flint River
B. Chattahoochee River
C. St. Marys River
17. Where does the Savannah River begin?

A. In South Carolina
B. In the Blue Ridge Mountains
C. Lake Lanier

18. Which river forms the border between Georgia and Alabama?

A. Chattahoochee
B. St. Marys
C. Oconee
19. What is a reservoir?

A. a dam that creates electricity
B. a large bridge over a river
C. a lake that holds drinking water

20. Which river begins in the Piedmont region?

A. Flint River
B. Ocmulgee River
C. Savannah River
21. What is Sprewell Bluff?
   A. a mountain
   B. a high area of land
   C. a large lake

22. Which river is the longest river on the Atlantic coast that flows freely without any dams?
   A. St. Marys River
   B. Oconee River
   C. Altamaha River
# Georgia's Regions and Rivers Scoot Answer Sheet

Read each question and choose the correct answer. Write the letter of the correct answer in each box below.

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Name__________________
Georgia Rivers
Craftivity

Create a pattern of the state of Georgia by cutting out the 2 parts on the attached pages and taping them in the middle.

Allow students to trace the pattern on sheets of 12x18 construction paper.

Instruct them to use the map on their craftivity instruction sheet to draw the rivers of Georgia. Using white glue and blue glitter, allow them to cover their river lines with the glitter as shown below.

Then, instruct students to cut out the river labels and glue them in the correct place on the map.
Georgia Rivers
Craftivity

Use the pattern your teacher gave you to trace and cut out the map of Georgia. Draw the rivers on your map like they are shown below. Cut out the names of the rivers and label them on your map.

Altamaha River
Flint River
Oconee River

Chattahoochee River
Ocmulgee River
Savannah River

St. Marys River
Thank You!

For purchasing my product!

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