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The Story of Georgia

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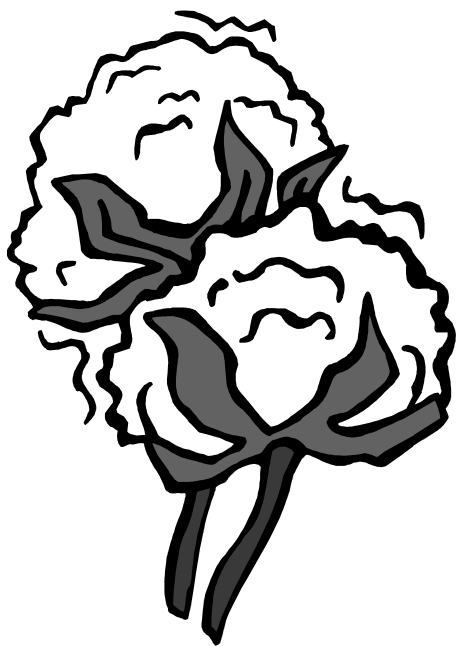
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Exploring Georgia

Unit 11: Georgia Enters the Twentieth Century

Lesson 53

Boll Weevils, Peanuts, a Mountain, and a Road



The Boll Weevil Plague

Cotton had been the main product of Georgia farms for over a century. The Civil War had devastated the state's cotton production and shown the weakness of depending on only one crop. Henry Grady's calls for a New South had prompted Georgia farmers to begin growing a wider variety of crops in the late 1800s, especially peaches, watermelons, and other fruits. By 1919, some twelve million peach trees had been planted in the state.

Nevertheless, in the early twentieth century the main crop on Georgia farms was still cotton. The production of cotton was dealt a new blow with the boll weevil infestation that began in 1914. The boll weevil insect lays its eggs in a cotton bud. When the larvae hatch, they eat the bud and destroy the plant. In 1918, the state produced two million bales of cotton; but in 1923, production was only 588,000 bales.

Fewer Farmers, More Peanuts

It is estimated that about one-fifth of Georgia farmers either left the farm and moved to the city or left the state altogether during the 1920s. The economy throughout the South was struggling during this period, while the number of factories in the North was growing. Many families in Georgia and the South moved to the northern cities so that the husbands and fathers could begin working in factories. Georgia farming suffered another setback during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Still, farming continued to be the main aspect of the state's economy. Tenant farming continued in a few places until after World War II.

The failure of cotton encouraged Georgia farmers to consider other crops more seriously. In 1896, the African American scientist George Washington Carver became director of agricultural research at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. In his experiments with peanuts, he found over 300 uses for the crop. He also demonstrated how peanut plants restore nitrogen to the soil. Carver discovered new uses for sweet potatoes and soybeans, developed a new strain of cotton, and taught improved soil conservation. His discoveries encouraged southern farmers to grow a greater variety of crops. Georgia farmers soon



learned that their soil was perfect for growing peanuts. Today the peanut, not cotton, is Georgia's leading crop.

The Beginning of the Stone Mountain Memorial

Stone Mountain, east of Atlanta, is the world's largest granite outcropping. It rises to a height of 825 feet, 1,683 above sea level. In 1915 the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) leased the mountain from its owner and commissioned sculptor Gutzon Borglum to carve on it the likeness of General Robert E. Lee. Borglum envisioned carving a ring of Confederate leaders and soldiers to encircle the entire mountain. He traveled extensively to raise money for the project.

Borglum began work on the project in 1923 and completed part of Lee's head the next year. Then Borglum and the UDC came to a parting of the ways on the project. Borglum began work on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota in 1927 and continued on it until his death in 1941 (his son completed the Mount Rushmore project). Meanwhile, Augustus Lukeman worked on Stone Mountain until the UDC lease expired in 1928.

Thirty years later, the state decided to develop the Stone Mountain project and put Walter Hancock in charge. Work resumed in 1964, and the memorial was dedicated in 1970. The finished sculpture is ninety feet high and 190 feet wide (making it larger than the Mount Rushmore memorial). It includes the figures of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Jefferson Davis. The area around Stone Mountain has developed into a large and diverse tourist attraction.

The Dixie Highway

As the automobile industry grew rapidly in the first part of the twentieth century, Americans fell in love with the idea of taking auto vacations. Land speculators and vacation promoters discovered the appeal of Florida as a destination for northern vacationers. The idea developed across the country for an improved highway to take travelers from the North to Florida, and in 1915 the Dixie Highway Association was formed. It promoted a road from Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to Miami, Florida, a road that would pass through Georgia. Local and state governments paid construction costs.

The highway was completed in 1929 and cut through Georgia from northwest to southeast. The route from Chattanooga to

According to legend, a choirmaster in seventeenth century Germany handed out sugar sticks to keep the boys in his choir quiet during a long Christmas service. The choirmaster bent the ends of the sticks to make them look like a shepherd's staff in honor of the occasion. Candy canes caught on as a Christmas tradition, but it wasn't until the early twentieth century that stripes of red (for Christ's sacrifice) and white (for His purity) became standard. In the 1920s, Bob McCormack of Albany, Georgia began making candy canes by hand for his family and friends. Years later his brother-in-law, a Catholic priest, invented a machine to automate production. Bob's Candies became the largest maker of candy canes in the world.

Henry Ford built a winter home in the 1920s in the community of Richmond Hill near Savannah. He eventually owned 85,000 acres there.

Atlanta closely followed the route that Sherman's army took when it was advancing on the city. When the U.S. government began its system of numbered roads, the Dixie Highway became U.S. 41. Traffic on the highway inspired gas stations, motor lodges, camping facilities, roadside parks, tourist shops, and restaurants; and the tourism industry was born. Today's Interstate 75 closely follows the route of the Dixie Highway.

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses,
with insults, with distresses, with persecutions,
with difficulties, for Christ's sake;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Activities

- ◆ Visit a peanut farm and find out some of the many uses of the crop.
- ◆ Draw a likeness of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial.
- ◆ Trace on a map the route of U.S. 41 or the Dixie Highway. What business would you like to begin that would appeal to tourists?



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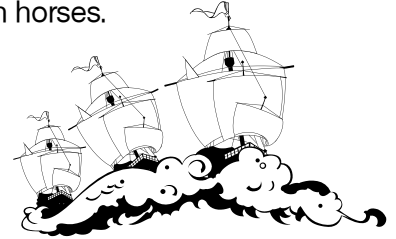
Europeans Come to Georgia

Instructions: Use colored pencils to follow the directions in each statement below.

1. In purple circle the country that sponsored Christopher Columbus in 1492.
2. In red circle the river where the Spanish settled in 1526.
3. In orange circle the Spanish explorer who landed in Florida in 1539 and then explored in Georgia and the Carolinas.
4. In green circle the island the Spanish settled on in 1566.
5. In blue circle the city they began in 1566. It became the first permanent European settlement in Georgia.
6. Draw a purple box around the name of the fleet the English navy defeated in 1588.
7. Draw a red box around the type of criminals that attacked ships along the Atlantic coast in the 1700s.
8. Draw an orange box around the famous nickname of Edward Teach.
9. Draw a green box around the year Edward Teach raised his flag over the Georgia Sea Islands.
10. Draw a blue box around the Georgia Sea Island that is still home to Spanish horses.

Spain

Spanish Armada



1716

Cumberland Island

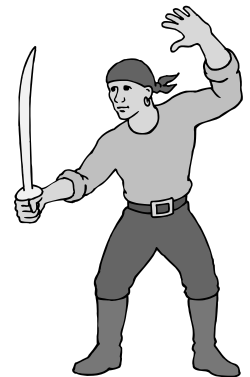
pirates



St. Catherine's Island



Blackbeard



Santa Catalina

Waccamaw



Hernando de Soto

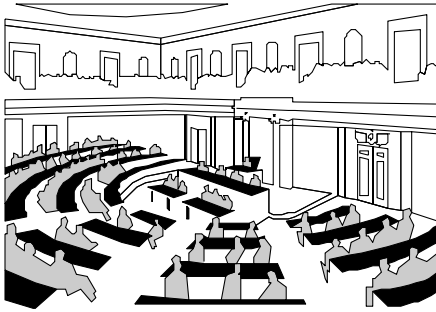
Hernando de Soto Explores Georgia



Instructions: Use colored pencils to color this picture of Hernando de Soto and his men exploring Georgia.

Romans 15:33b-34a

Division in the Nation



Instructions: Fill in the missing vowels:
A, E, I, O, U, Y.

Many in the South believed in
st__t__s' r__ghts.

Before the Nat Turner rebellion of 1831, many Southern churches and ministers
cr__t__c__z__d sl__v__r__.

Many slaves saw themselves as similar to the Old Testament
__sr__ __l__t__s.

These slaves longed to be
fr__ __.

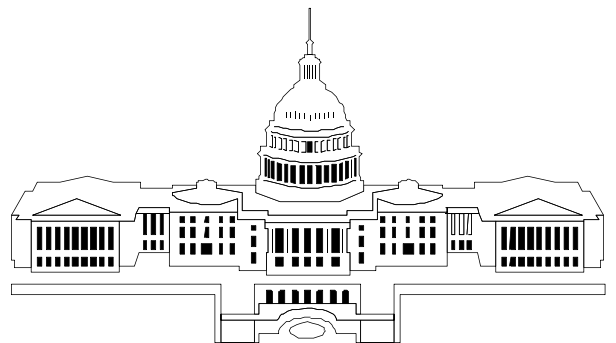
Some Southerners defended enslaving African Americans
and said it was better than the North's
w__g__ sl__v__r__.

When the population in northern states grew more rapidly than in the southern states,
the North gained more
C__ngr__ssm__n.

Northerners and Southerners disagreed about
t__r__ffs.

Conflicts over slavery and tariffs led to
s__ct__ __n__l__sm.

Many who wanted an end to slavery still did not
believe in
r__c__ __l__ __q__ __l__t__.



Georgia and Her Southern Neighbors Leave the Union

Instructions: This map shows the 48 continental states today. Color the states of the Confederacy red. Color the states that had slavery in 1861 but did not join the Confederacy (called border states) green. These states are underlined in the list of Union States. Color the states of the Union blue. The remaining states joined after the War Between the States. Leave them uncolored.

Confederate States

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- *Virginia

Union States

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- Wisconsin

*Color West Virginia red, because it was part of Virginia when it seceded. West Virginia became a state in 1863.

Learning from the Bible How to Settle Differences

Instructions: Each box below has a correct ending at the bottom of the page.
Write the number of each box beside its correct ending.

1. In Matthew 5:21, Jesus taught about

2. In Matthew 5:22, Jesus taught about

3. In Matthew 5:23, Jesus taught about what to do before taking your gift to the

4. In Matthew 5:24, Jesus taught about

5. In Matthew 18:21, Peter asked Jesus about how many times he had to

6. In Romans 12:17, we learn that when someone does evil to us we must not

7. According to Proverbs 20:22, instead of paying someone back for their evil, we should

8. In Luke 10:25-28, Jesus taught that I should love my neighbor

9. According to Ephesians 4:26, we should take care of our anger

- ___ being angry.
- ___ wait for the Lord.
- ___ being reconciled to your brother.
- ___ do evil to them.
- ___ murder and killing.
- ___ forgive his brother.
- ___ as myself.
- ___ before the sun goes down.
- ___ altar.



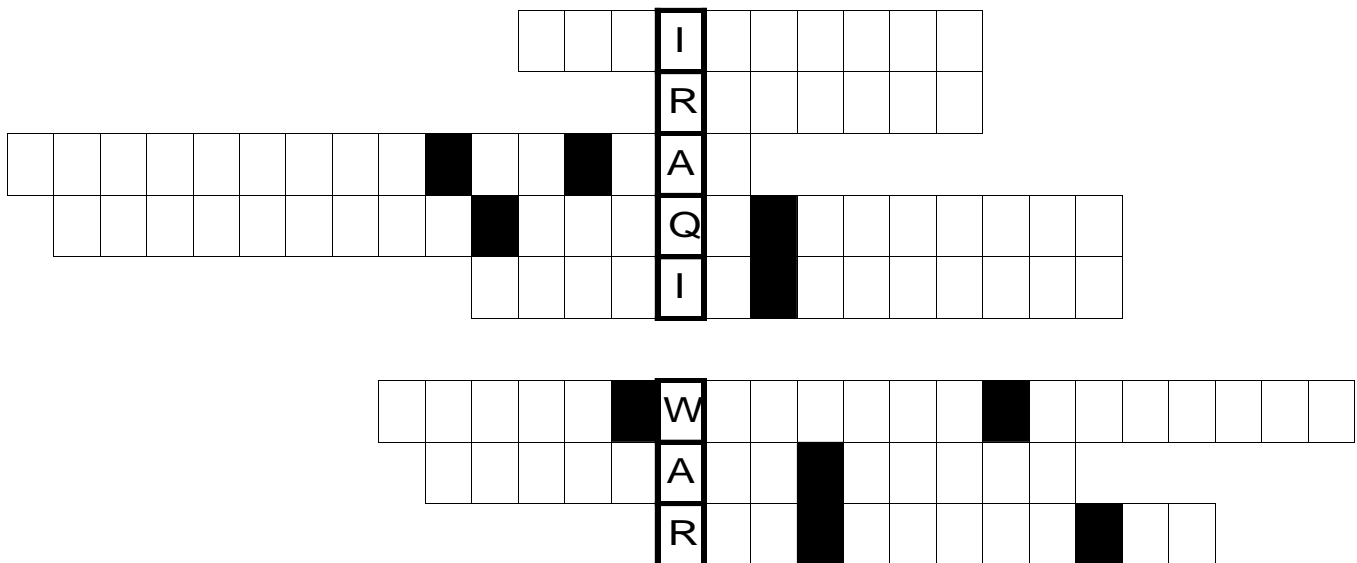
Atlanta ~ Business Capital of the New South

Instructions: Fill in the puzzle below using the words in **bold**. Atlanta has become the business capital of the New South. Almost all of the **Fortune 500** companies have offices there. It is the headquarters for such **international businesses** as **United Parcel Service** (UPS), **Coca-Cola**, and **Delta Air Lines**. In 1988, it hosted the **Democratic National Convention**. Atlanta is home for the **Centers for Disease Control** and Prevention (CDC).



Georgia's Role in the Iraqi War of 2003

Instructions: Fill in the puzzle below using the words in **bold**. The **military bases** in Georgia were heavily involved in **Operation Iraqi Freedom** that liberated Iraq from the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein in early 2003. Sadly, some Georgia servicemen lost their lives in the conflict. Georgia was overjoyed when **Ron Young Jr.** of **Lithia Springs** was among seven **prisoners of war** who were **rescued** by American forces. **Chief Warrant Officer** Young was a **helicopter pilot**.



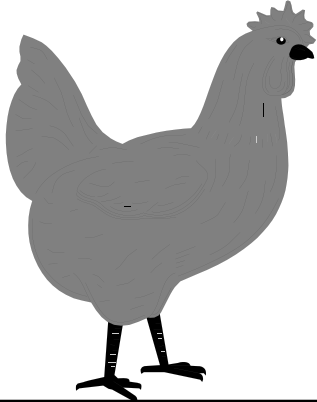
Chick-fil-A: A Georgia Company

Instructions: Each word in this list is scrambled in the paragraphs below.

Write the correct word beside each scrambled word.

COMMITMENT CHRISTIAN CHICKEN HAPEVILLE CHAIN CATHEY ATLANTA
 GLORIFY SUNDAYS HONESTY RESPECT EMPLOYEES CHURCH

Chick-fil-A is a national HNCIA _____ of KEHCCNI _____ sandwich restaurants based in TTNAAL _____. Its founder and CEO, Truett AHYCET _____, opened his first restaurant in IALVLHEEP _____ in 1946. The first Chick-fil-A began serving in 1967 in Atlanta. The chain now has over 1,000 locations nationwide. Cathey has tried to operate the business on such SIITAHNCR _____ principles as OSTHYEN _____ and ERTPCSE _____ for customers. Every Chick-fil-A restaurant is closed on USDYSAN _____ to give YMOEEELSP _____ a day to go to HHRCCU _____ and to spend time with their families. This is an unusual practice when most fast-food restaurants are open seven days a week.



When sales declined in the early 1980s, Cathey made a renewed MIOTMETCTNM _____ to LYRFGIO _____ God in all that the business did. Business increased 36% the next year. The employee turnover rate at Chick-fil-A is about four percent, which is tiny compared to the fast-food industry as a whole.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

Copy Ecclesiastes 2:24 from your Bible.