

Grade 8/ Standards

Lesson Plan 2/ (Can be used in grades 4, 5, and 8

The Roswell Mill

Georgia Studies Performance Standards

SS8G1 – The students will describe Georgia with regard to physical features and location.

- b. Describe the five geographic regions of Georgia; include the Blue Ridge Mountains, Valley and Ridge, Appalachian Plateau, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain.
- c. Locate and evaluate the importance of key physical features on the development of Georgia; include the Fall Line, Appalachian Mountains and Chattahoochee and Savannah Rivers.

SS8E1 – The student will give examples of the kinds of goods and services produced in Georgia in different time periods.

SS8E2 – The student will explain the benefits of free trade.

- a. Describe how Georgians have engaged in trade in different historical time periods.

SS8E3 – The student will evaluate the influence of Georgia's economic growth and development.

- a. Define profit and how profit is an incentive for entrepreneurs.
- b. Explain how entrepreneurs take risks to develop goods and services to start a business.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS

ELA6W1/ELA7W1/ELA8W1 - The student produces writing that establishes an appropriate organizational structure, sets a context and engages the reader, maintains a coherent focus throughout, and provides a satisfying closure.

ELA6LSV1/ELA7LSV1/ELA8LSV1 – The student participates in student-to-teacher, student-to-student, and group verbal interactions.

ELA6RC3/ELA7RC3/ELA8RC3 – The student acquires new vocabulary in each content area and uses it correctly.

1. How does the geography of Georgia impact its Economy? Regions of Georgia depend on their mountains, rivers, or ocean for food and goods to sell from that region.
2. What is one of the most important geological features of Georgia that directly impacted the textile industry?

3. What was southern plantation cotton and why did it make the textile industry important to Georgia?

Georgia's Fall Line and Textile Mills

Directions: As a class Read the selection below:

Textile mills began flourishing in Georgia from 1830 – 1882.

Why would Georgia be chosen before other southern states?

Answer: Because of a peculiar geological boundary that would have an impact on early transportation and, consequently, on commerce. Georgia's fall line, where land drops from the hills of the Piedmont region to the upper Coastal Plain lands, was perfect for such an industry.

Part I.

Using chart paper and a map of Georgia, label Georgia's major rivers, the regions of Georgia and the Georgia Fall Line

Part II.

Directions: Have students in pairs or as a group research the Georgia Fall Line using the internet, the media center and their text books. Have them list 10 important reasons why the fall line impacts Georgia's economy.

Part III.

Checking what they have learned.

Have students answer the following Multiple Choice Questions

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Directions: Read the selection about the fall line from the Roswell Mill Brochure and circle the correct answer.

The Fall Line

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1. The fall line separates which of the following two regions?
 - A. Blue Ridge and Coastal Plain
 - B. Coastal Plain and Piedmont
 - C. Blue Ridge and Ridge and Valley
 - D. Appalachian Plateau and Piedmont
2. Which of the following rivers is NOT the beginning of navigation from the Fall Line?
 - A. Chattahoochee
 - B. Chattooga
 - C. Oconee
 - D. Savannah

- 3 The fall line stretches from which of the following two Georgia cities?
- A. Columbus, Roswell
 - B. Atlanta, Savannah
 - C. Columbus, Augusta
 - D. Atlanta, Savannah
4. The Fall Line is called this because it
- A. Appears as a line on the ground in the Autumn months
 - B. People have tripped and fallen over the land in this area
 - C. Land drops off along this zone
 - D. Below this line rivers flow away from the ocean
5. The geographic feature that divides the Coastal Plain and Piedmont Plateau contains a series of waterfalls. This geographic feature is called?
- A. The fall line
 - B. A deep water port
 - C. The Okefenokee Swamp
 - D. The Appalachian Mountains
6. Why were many of Georgia's cities and early factories built on the Fall Line?
- A. The Creek Indians already built cities there.
 - B. The rivers and waterfalls were energy sources.
 - C. The rivers provided transportation to the Atlantic Ocean.
 - D. James Oglethorpe gave settlers more land to move these locations