

Tracks, Guests, Growth

Trace causes and effects in Florida's growth.

SS.4.A.4 "Growth of Florida"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle three causes that helped Florida grow. Underline the effect or change connected to each cause so you can trace how Florida changed.

Why Florida Grew

- ① After the Civil War, Florida began to grow more quickly. Railroads carried people and goods to places that had been hard to reach. Henry Flagler extended rail lines down Florida's east coast, while Henry Plant built lines on the west coast. Railroads helped farmers send oranges, vegetables, and other crops to markets far beyond Florida in northern states.
- ② Warm winters also attracted visitors from colder states. Hotels and resorts were built near new railroad stops, especially in cities such as St. Augustine and Tampa. Visitors spent money, and some decided to stay. New businesses opened to serve them. As towns gained residents, they needed more stores, schools, roads, and workers to meet daily needs.
- ③ In the 1920s, advertisements encouraged people to buy Florida land. Many newcomers arrived during the land boom, hoping to build homes or sell land for profit. Construction increased in some areas, but prices rose too fast. When the boom ended, some buyers lost money. Even so, railroads, farming, tourism, and new residents had changed Florida's towns and economy.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did railroads help Florida farmers?

2 How did warm winters help tourism grow in Florida?

3 Name two things towns needed as more residents moved in.

4 What happened when the land boom ended, and why did some buyers lose money?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose one growth factor named in the passage. Write three linked sentences explaining how it led to two changes in Florida. Use because or so in at least one sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle three causes that helped Florida grow. Underline the effect or change connected to each cause so you can trace how Florida changed. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did railroads help Florida farmers?	Railroads helped farmers send oranges, vegetables, and other crops to markets in northern states.
2	How did warm winters help tourism grow in Florida?	Warm winters attracted visitors from colder states. Hotels and resorts were built near railroad stops for the visitors.
3	Name two things towns needed as more residents moved in.	Any two: more stores, schools, roads, or workers.
4	What happened when the land boom ended, and why did some buyers lose money?	Some buyers lost money because land prices had risen too fast before the boom ended.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Tourism grew because warm winters brought visitors from colder states. Hotels and businesses opened near railroad stops to serve those visitors. As more visitors stayed, towns needed more workers and roads.

Accept any passage-based growth factor and a logical chain showing two related changes. Students may use railroads, farming, tourism, new residents, or the land boom, as long as the cause-and-effect connections are accurate.