

Georgia's Changing Land

Read how land features shape Georgia from north to south.

SS2G1 "Locate and compare major topographical features of Georgia and describe how these features define Georgia's surface."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each land region name, then underline the words that tell what the land is like in that region.

A Trip Across Georgia

- ① Georgia's land changes as you travel from north to south. In the far north, the Appalachian Plateau has high, flat land. Nearby Ridge and Valley has long ridges and lower valleys. The Blue Ridge has Georgia's tallest mountains.
- ② South of the mountains is the Piedmont region. Its rolling hills and red clay make the ground rise and fall. Farther south, the Coastal Plain is wide and mostly flat. It reaches Georgia's sandy coast.
- ③ These regions give Georgia different kinds of surface. The north has high mountains, flat highlands, and ridges. The middle has rolling hills. The south has broad, flat land. Knowing each feature helps you compare places in Georgia.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which Georgia region has the tallest mountains?

2 How is Ridge and Valley different from the Piedmont?

3 Describe how Georgia's surface changes as you travel from north to south.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the three panels to sketch land in the Blue Ridge, the Piedmont, and the Coastal Plain. Label each panel, then write one sentence comparing two of the regions.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each land region name, then underline the words that tell what the land is like in that region. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which Georgia region has the tallest mountains?	The Blue Ridge region has Georgia's tallest mountains.
2	How is Ridge and Valley different from the Piedmont?	Ridge and Valley has long ridges and lower valleys. The Piedmont has rolling hills.
3	Describe how Georgia's surface changes as you travel from north to south.	Northern Georgia has mountains, high flat land, and ridges. The middle has rolling hills. Southern Georgia has broad, mostly flat land.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1: Blue Ridge, tall mountains. Panel 2: Piedmont, rolling hills. Panel 3: Coastal Plain, broad flat land. The Blue Ridge is much higher than the Coastal Plain.

Accept accurate labels and sketches that show mountains for Blue Ridge, rolling hills for Piedmont, and mostly flat land for Coastal Plain. Accept any accurate comparison between two regions.