

# Clue Type Detectives

Sort Georgia region clues by what they describe.

**SS8G1.b** "Distinguish among the five geographic regions of Georgia in terms of location, climate, agriculture, and economic contribution."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY CLUE

A physical geography clue tells about a place's location, land, weather, water, or natural features. It does not tell how people earn money there.

A place is west of another place.

## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION CLUE

An economic contribution clue tells how people use resources, produce goods, provide services, or earn money. Agriculture, industry, and tourism are economic activities.

A business sells boats and pays workers.

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 8 items

For each clue, circle PHYSICAL or ECONOMIC, then choose two items for Part 2 and explain which words showed each clue type.

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | The Blue Ridge has Georgia's highest elevations and cooler temperatures.                      | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 2. | The Appalachian Plateau is in Georgia's northwest corner and includes high, flat-topped land. | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 3. | Poultry production is an important economic activity in the Ridge and Valley region.          | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 4. | The Piedmont is in central Georgia and has rolling hills and red clay soil.                   | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 5. | Peanut farming and timber products contribute to the Coastal Plain economy.                   | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 6. | Tourism brings income to the Blue Ridge through outdoor recreation.                           | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 7. | The Ridge and Valley region has long ridges with valleys between them.                        | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |
| 8. | Much of the Coastal Plain is flat, warm, and low in elevation.                                | <input type="radio"/> PHYSICAL | <input type="radio"/> ECONOMIC |

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new PHYSICAL clue and one new ECONOMIC clue about a Georgia region.

PHYSICAL

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ECONOMIC

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CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence clue about one Georgia region without naming it. The first sentence must give a physical fact, and the second sentence must give an economic fact. Then write the region's name.

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**PART 1 • SORT**

| # | ITEM                                                                                          | CATEGORY        | WHY                                                                  |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | The Blue Ridge has Georgia's highest elevations and cooler temperatures.                      | <b>PHYSICAL</b> | This describes elevation and climate, which are physical geography.  |
| 2 | The Appalachian Plateau is in Georgia's northwest corner and includes high, flat-topped land. | <b>PHYSICAL</b> | This describes location and landforms, which are physical geography. |
| 3 | Poultry production is an important economic activity in the Ridge and Valley region.          | <b>ECONOMIC</b> | This tells how people earn money through agriculture.                |
| 4 | The Piedmont is in central Georgia and has rolling hills and red clay soil.                   | <b>PHYSICAL</b> | This describes location, landforms, and soil.                        |
| 5 | Peanut farming and timber products contribute to the Coastal Plain economy.                   | <b>ECONOMIC</b> | This tells about agriculture and forest products that earn money.    |
| 6 | Tourism brings income to the Blue Ridge through outdoor recreation.                           | <b>ECONOMIC</b> | This tells how visitors' spending supports the regional economy.     |
| 7 | The Ridge and Valley region has long ridges with valleys between them.                        | <b>PHYSICAL</b> | This describes landforms.                                            |
| 8 | Much of the Coastal Plain is flat, warm, and low in elevation.                                | <b>PHYSICAL</b> | This describes land and climate.                                     |

**PART 2 • PROVE IT**

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

**PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)**

- **PHYSICAL:** The Appalachian Plateau has steep slopes along parts of its edge.
- **ECONOMIC:** Factories in the Piedmont provide jobs by making goods.

**Challenge:** It is in northwest Georgia and has long ridges with valleys between them. Poultry farms are an important part of its economy. Region: Ridge and Valley.

Answers, in order: PHYSICAL, PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC, ECONOMIC, PHYSICAL, PHYSICAL. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify physical features, location, climate, agriculture, industry, or tourism as evidence.