

Georgia's Economic Links

Trace how Georgia industries connect local communities to wider markets.

SS8H12.d "Analyze Georgia's role in the national and global economy of the 21st Century, with regard to tourism, Savannah port expansion, and the film industry."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle phrases that show a national or global connection, then number one sentence in each paragraph that explains an economic effect in Georgia.

Georgia in Wider Markets

- ① Tourism brings visitors to Georgia for beaches, mountains, historic places, sports, food, and events. Visitors spend money on hotel rooms, restaurants, transportation, tickets, and local shops. That spending supports jobs, from tour guides and museum workers to cooks and hotel staff. Tourism also connects Georgia to the national economy because travelers arrive from other states. International visitors add a global link, while airports, roads, and public attractions help communities serve large numbers of guests. Money spent by visitors can circulate through nearby businesses.
- ② The Port of Savannah is a major gateway for cargo moving between Georgia and world markets. Its Garden City Terminal handles containers, large metal boxes that can travel by ship, rail, and truck. The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project deepened the shipping channel to 47 feet, allowing larger container ships to use the port with heavier loads. This can lower transportation costs and make Georgia businesses more competitive. Cargo moving through Savannah also supports warehouse, trucking, rail, logistics, and port jobs across the state.
- ③ Georgia's film industry is another connection to markets beyond the state. Productions hire actors, camera crews, builders, drivers, caterers, and other workers. They rent locations, buy supplies, and use local services, so film spending reaches many kinds of businesses. Georgia's film tax credit has encouraged productions to work in the state, although the credit is a cost to state revenue. Finished movies and shows are distributed to audiences across the United States and other countries, giving Georgia-based work a national and global reach.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How does tourism connect Georgia businesses to the national economy?

2 What did the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project change, and how can that change help Georgia businesses?

3 Name two types of jobs or businesses supported by cargo moving through the Port of Savannah.

4 What is one benefit and one cost of Georgia's film tax credit described in the passage?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a five- or six-sentence economic briefing for a community leader. Explain how tourism and the film industry connect Georgia to wider markets, including one benefit and one need or cost connected to these industries.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle phrases that show a national or global connection, then number one sentence in each paragraph that explains an economic effect in Georgia. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does tourism connect Georgia businesses to the national economy?	Travelers from other states spend money on hotels, restaurants, transportation, tickets, and local shops in Georgia.
2	What did the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project change, and how can that change help Georgia businesses?	It deepened the shipping channel to 47 feet so larger container ships with heavier loads can use the port. This can lower transportation costs and make Georgia businesses more competitive.
3	Name two types of jobs or businesses supported by cargo moving through the Port of Savannah.	Accept any two: warehouse, trucking, rail, logistics, or port jobs.
4	What is one benefit and one cost of Georgia's film tax credit described in the passage?	The credit has encouraged productions to work in Georgia, which supports jobs and local spending. It is also a cost to state revenue.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Tourism connects Georgia to the national economy when visitors from other states spend money in local businesses. It also has a global connection when international visitors come. Tourism supports jobs, but communities need airports, roads, and attractions that can serve many guests. The film industry connects Georgia to national and global audiences because shows are distributed widely. It hires workers and buys local services. However, the film tax credit can reduce state revenue.

Accept equivalent explanations that accurately connect visitor spending, cargo movement, or film distribution to markets beyond Georgia and to jobs or businesses within the state. For the open response, look for both required industries, accurate economic connections, a benefit, and a reasonable need or cost.