

Georgia Changes Course

Read for developments and explain why they mattered.

SS8H12 "Explain the importance of developments in Georgia since the late 20th century."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each development since the late 20th century. In the margin, number it and write one or two words that show why it mattered to Georgia.

A State in Motion

- ① Jimmy Carter shaped Georgia and the nation in several roles. As a Georgia state senator from 1963 to 1967, he spoke against segregation and pushed for government reforms. As governor from 1971 to 1975, he reorganized state agencies and expanded opportunities for Black Georgians. His election as U.S. president in 1976 brought national attention to Georgia. After leaving office, Carter founded the Carter Center in Atlanta in 1982, making the city a base for work on health, peace, and elections around the world.
- ② Georgia politics also changed as the state moved toward a two-party system. For much of the twentieth century, Democrats dominated state elections. Republican candidates gained support during the late twentieth century, and Sonny Perdue won the governor's office in 2002, becoming Georgia's first Republican governor since Reconstruction. Competition between parties gave voters more choices and made campaigns more competitive. In 1996, Atlanta hosted the Summer Olympic Games. The event brought visitors, international attention, construction, and business activity, although it also required major public spending and caused disruption in some neighborhoods.
- ③ New immigrant communities have also helped reshape Georgia. Since the late twentieth century, people from Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other regions have settled in the state. Many workers filled jobs in construction, farming, manufacturing, health care, and small businesses. Immigrants opened stores and restaurants, added languages and traditions, and increased Georgia's connections to other countries. Their arrival helped population and economic growth, especially in metropolitan Atlanta and some rural areas. Schools, employers, and communities also had to respond to needs for English-language services and other support.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Carter's work after the presidency continue to affect Georgia?

2 What change shows that Georgia developed a stronger two-party system? Explain why that change mattered.

3 Name one benefit and one challenge connected to the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

4 Explain two ways new immigrant communities contributed to Georgia's growth.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose Carter's post-presidential work, the two-party system, the 1996 Olympics, or new immigrant communities. Write a claim explaining which development had the most lasting effect on Georgia, and support your claim with two specific details from the passage.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each development since the late 20th century. In the margin, number it and write one or two words that show why it mattered to Georgia. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Carter's work after the presidency continue to affect Georgia?	He founded the Carter Center in Atlanta, making the city a base for worldwide work on health, peace, and elections.
2	What change shows that Georgia developed a stronger two-party system? Explain why that change mattered.	Sonny Perdue won the governorship in 2002 as the first Republican governor since Reconstruction. This showed that Republicans could win statewide offices and gave voters more competitive choices.
3	Name one benefit and one challenge connected to the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.	Benefits included visitors, international attention, construction, and business activity. Challenges included major public spending and disruption in some neighborhoods.
4	Explain two ways new immigrant communities contributed to Georgia's growth.	Immigrants filled jobs and opened businesses. They also increased population, added cultural traditions, and connected Georgia to other countries.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

New immigrant communities had the most lasting effect on Georgia. Immigrants filled important jobs and opened stores and restaurants. Their growing communities also added new languages and traditions across the state. Because these changes affect work, population, and daily life, their impact continues long after one event ends.

Accept claims naming any one of the four developments if students state a lasting effect and support the claim with two accurate passage details. For the short answers, accept equivalent wording that connects each development to its importance.