

Settlers Shape Georgia

Evaluate how four groups influenced Georgia during the Trustee Period.

SS8H2.c "Evaluate the role of diverse groups (Jews, Salzburgers, Highland Scots, and Malcontents) in settling Georgia during the Trustee Period."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action or contribution for each group, then write the numbers 1 through 4 beside the groups in the order they appear. Your marks will help you compare how each group shaped the colony.

Many Paths to a Colony

- ① During the Trustee Period, Georgia's leaders invited settlers who could strengthen the new colony. In 1733, a group of Jewish immigrants reached Savannah soon after its founding. Some colonists objected because the Trustees had not specifically planned for them. Yet the group remained. A Jewish physician, Samuel Nunes, helped treat sick settlers, showing one immediate contribution. Jewish families added workers, skills, businesses, and religious diversity to Savannah. Their settlement tested whether Georgia could make room for people beyond the groups first expected.
- ② Religious refugees from Salzburg, a region in present-day Austria, founded Ebenezer in 1734. These Salzburgers wanted freedom to practice their Lutheran faith. Their first site had poor soil and unhealthy conditions, so they moved to New Ebenezer near the Savannah River. There they built a lasting community, farmed, and produced goods such as silk. The Salzburgers' persistence increased Georgia's population and economy. Their experience also showed that successful settlement required adapting to Georgia's land and climate.
- ③ In 1736, Highland Scots established Darien on Georgia's southern frontier. Many had military experience, and their town helped guard the colony against possible attacks from Spanish Florida. They also farmed and traded, but defense was their central role. Another group, called the Malcontents, challenged Trustee policies instead of founding a separate town. They criticized limits on land ownership and the ban on slavery, arguing that these rules made farming and trade difficult. Their protests added pressure for change, and Georgia later became a royal colony in 1752.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What immediate contribution did the Jewish settlers make, and what broader change did they bring to Savannah?

2 How did the Salzburgers respond to problems at their first settlement, and why did that response matter to Georgia?

3 Compare the Highland Scots and the Malcontents. How did each group influence Georgia in a different way?

4 Which detail best supports the idea that the Malcontents had a political role during the Trustee Period? Explain why.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly 4 sentences naming the group you think had the most important role in settling Georgia. Use two details from the passage, including a comparison to one other group, to support your claim.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one action or contribution for each group, then write the numbers 1 through 4 beside the groups in the order they appear. Your marks will help you compare how each group shaped the colony. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What immediate contribution did the Jewish settlers make, and what broader change did they bring to Savannah?	Samuel Nunes helped treat sick settlers. Jewish families added workers, skills, businesses, and religious diversity to Savannah.
2	How did the Salzburgers respond to problems at their first settlement, and why did that response matter to Georgia?	They moved from the unhealthy, poor-soil site to New Ebenezer near the Savannah River. Their lasting community, farming, and silk production increased Georgia's population and economy.
3	Compare the Highland Scots and the Malcontents. How did each group influence Georgia in a different way?	The Highland Scots influenced Georgia by defending the southern frontier from possible Spanish attacks. The Malcontents influenced Georgia by protesting Trustee policies and pressuring leaders to make changes.
4	Which detail best supports the idea that the Malcontents had a political role during the Trustee Period? Explain why.	Their protests against land limits and the ban on slavery added pressure for change. This was a political role because they challenged government policies.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Highland Scots played the most important role because Darien helped defend Georgia's southern frontier from Spain. Their military experience gave the colony protection when it was vulnerable. The Salzburgers also made an important contribution by building New Ebenezer and producing silk. However, defense was especially necessary for a new colony facing a nearby rival.

Accept claims for any of the four groups when students accurately use passage evidence and compare the chosen group with another group. For the open task, check for exactly four sentences, a clear claim, two accurate details, and a comparison.