Georgia History Exemption Exam Study Guide

This study guide is designed to be used with the New Georgia Encyclopedia (http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/). The New Georgia Encyclopedia is a joint effort meant to be “the first state encyclopedia to be conceived and designed exclusively for publication online … [helping] users understand the rich history and diverse culture of Georgia’s still-unfolding story.” It is overseen by the Georgia Humanities Council in partnership with the University of Georgia Press, The State of Georgia, and GALILEO: Georgia’s Virtual Library (http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/about-nge).

You may also use other sources to help you study. Recent scholarship on the history of the state can be found in Georgia: A Brief History by VSU Professors of History, Dr. Christopher Meyers and Dr. David Williams. Both authors have also written extensively on the history of the state in other articles and monographs. Please check with the library for the availability of these works.

A good starting point in the New Georgia Encyclopedia is the article, “Georgia History: Overview (http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/georgia-history-overview)."

A helpful supplementary site is the Georgia Info Online Almanac (http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/).

Time Periods:
- Pre-European Contact (~13kya-1550s AD)
- Colonial (1550s-1776)
- Revolutionary (1774-1780s)
- Confederation America / Early Nation (1780s-1820)
- Antebellum (1820-1861)
- Civil War and Reconstruction (1861-1877)
- Gilded Age / Progressive Era / World War I (1870s-1920)
- Interwar Years and World War II (1920-1945)
- Post World War II / 21st century (1945-Present)

Pre-European Contact (~13kya-1550s AD)

- Important Topics of Study:
  - Clovis Culture
  - Late Archaic Period
  - Woodland Period
  - Kolomoki Mounds
  - Rock Structures
  - Mississippian Period
  - Ocmulgee National Monument

Colonial (1550s-1776)

- Important Topics of Study:
  - Mission Santa Catalina de Guale
  - English Colonial Immigration
  - Board of Trustees
  - Slavery in Colonial Georgia
  - James Oglethorpe
  - Chief Tomochichi / Yamacraw
  - Motives for Colonization
  - Non-English Colonists: Salzburgers, Moravians, and Highlanders
  - The War of Jenkins’ Ear
  - Royal Georgia Governmental Structure
  - Royal Georgia Economy
  - James Wright
Revolutionary (1774-1780s)

- **Important Topics of Study:**
  - Tondee’s Tavern
  - Button Gwinnett
  - George Walton
  - Lyman Hall
  - Revolutionary War in Georgia
  - Archibald Bulloch
  - Nathaniel Greene
  - Siege of Savannah
  - Slavery in Revolutionary Georgia
  - Battle of Kettle Creek
  - Nancy Hart

Confederation America / Early Nation (1780s-1820)

- **Important Topics of Study:**
  - William Few Jr.
  - Abraham Baldwin
  - Agriculture
  - Eli Whitney
  - Yazoo Land Fraud
  - Land Lottery System
  - Cherokee
  - Sequoyah
  - Creek

Antebellum (1820-1861)

- **Important Topics of Study:**
  - 1829 Gold Rush
  - Cherokee Nation
  - The Cherokee Phoenix
  - Worcester v. Georgia
  - Chief John Ross
  - Native American Removal
  - Gov. George M. Troup
  - Trail of Tears
  - Railroad Construction
  - United States Sectional Crisis
  - Slavery in Antebellum Georgia
  - Georgia Platform
  - Gov. Joe E. Brown
  - 1860 United States Presidential Election

Civil War and Reconstruction (1861-1877)

- **Important Topics of Study:**
  - Civil War in Georgia
  - Confederate States of America
  - Robert Toombs
  - Alexander H. Stephens
  - Disagreements between the State of Georgia and the CSA
  - Civil War Home Front
  - Union Blockade
  - Andrews Raid
• Andersonville Prison
• Atlanta Campaign
• Gen. Joseph E. Johnston
• Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood
• Battle of Kennesaw Mountain
• Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman
• March to the Sea
• Gov. Rufus Bullock
• Sharecropping System
• The Ku Klux Klan

Gilded Age / Progressive Era / World War I (1870s-1920)

• Important Topics of Study:
  • Bourbon Triumvirate
  • Populism
  • Thomas E. Watson
  • The Alliance
  • The Farmers’ Alliance
  • The New South
  • Henry W. Grady
  • Gov. Hoke Smith
  • The Leo Frank Case
  • Joel Chandler Harris
  • Early Civil Rights Movement in Georgia
  • Jim Crow
  • World War I in Georgia

Interwar Years and World War II (1920-1945)

• Important Topics of Study:
  • Cash Crop Agriculture
  • Boll Weevil
  • William Hartsfield
  • Great Depression
  • Richard B. Russell
  • President Franklin D. Roosevelt
  • New Deal
  • Gov. Eugene Talmadge
  • World War II in Georgia
  • Wartime Economy
  • Liberty Ship

Post World War II / 21st century (1945-Present)

• Important Topics of Study:
  • 1958 Atlanta Temple Bombing
  • Gov. Carl Sanders
  • County Unit System
  • Gov. Herman Talmadge
  • Civil Rights Movement in Georgia
  • Dr. Martin Luther King
  • Gov. Lester Maddox
  • Ivan Allen Jr.
  • The City Too Busy to Hate
  • Air France Flight 007
  • Andrew Young
  • Maynard Jackson
- Hank Aaron
- Jimmy Carter
- Post World War II Economic Growth
- The Sunbelt
- HOPE Scholarship
- 1996 Atlanta Olympics
- State Flags of Georgia and Controversy

A list of Georgia's Governors can be accessed at the Georgia Info Online Almanac (http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/topics/government/articles/governors).

List of Georgia Capitals:

- 1777-78 Savannah
- 1779-80 Augusta*
- 1780-81 Heard’s Fort*, miscellaneous sites in Wilkes County
- 1781-82 Augusta
- 1782 Ebenezer*, Savannah
- 1783 Augusta
- 1784 Savannah, Augusta
- 1785 Savannah
- 1786-96 Augusta
- 1796-1806 Louisville
- 1807-1864 Milledgeville
- 1864-65 Macon*
- 1865-68 Milledgeville
- 1868-present Atlanta

* Temporary meeting sites of state government

(Source: http://georgiainfo.galileo.usg.edu/topics/government/article/general-assembly/state-capitol)