



# First Georgians AUDITORIUM PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Level: Grades 6-8  
Program Length: 30-45 minutes

Maximum: 150 students  
Minimum: 25 students

## Description

Examine the first human residents of Georgia and learn how these populations met their basic needs, organized society and expanded their sphere of influence. Discover how modern archaeologists piece together bits of information to gain a better understanding of cultures that arose more than 12,000 years ago.

## Curriculum Correlations

Students will:

1. Understand how different groups of Native Americans adapted and altered their environment.  
**SS8E1, SS8H1a**
2. Examine the migration patterns of Native Americans.  
**SS8H1a**
3. Analyze Native American artifacts found in Georgia.  
**6th and 8th grade SS skills matrix**
4. Discover the techniques used by archaeologists to develop a picture of past civilizations.

## Vocabulary

Anthropologist  
Archaeologist  
Artifact

Culture  
Migration  
Natural resource

Specialization of labor  
Trade

## Pre-Visit Activities

As a class, discuss how humans might have arrived in Georgia. Ask students to imagine what life was like for these prehistoric people.

## At the Museum

Be sure to visit *First Georgians*, located on the Upper Level of the Museum. Here you will find Native American artifacts that were found in Georgia, including a rare dugout canoe.

## Post-Visit Activities

As a class, discuss the techniques that archaeologists use to put together a picture of the past.

Try to incorporate the following questions.

- What are some items that we use today that might be preserved and found by archaeologists in the future?
- Imagine that archaeologists in the year 5010 uncovered a landfill from the year 2010. What do you think that they would find? Do you think that they would understand the purposes for the objects? Would they be able to put together an accurate picture of our lives?

## Resources

Information about the Etowah Indian Mounds  
State Historic Site.  
<http://gastateparks.org/info/etowah/>

Information about the Ocmulgee National Monument.  
<http://www.nps.gov/ocmu/>

Information about the Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park.  
<http://gastateparks.org/info/kolomoki/>

Links to Native American web sites and resources.  
<http://www.nativeweb.org/>

General information about Native Americans in Georgia.  
<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Categories.jsp?path=HistoryArchaeology>