Getting to Know Georgia’s Regions

A Walk Through Time in Georgia Scavenger Hunt:
6th Grade

Name all seven regions/habitats that you encounter within A Walk through Time in Georgia.

1. ______________________________________
2. ______________________________________
3. ______________________________________
4. ______________________________________
5. ______________________________________
6. ______________________________________
7. ______________________________________

Piedmont Region

In the Piedmont region of Georgia, there are large granite outcrops that formed from magma long ago. Can you name one of them? Hint: Use the labels and field guidebooks to help you answer these questions.

Georgia’s crust is ________ miles thick.

Appalachian Region

How do you think Georgia’s mountains were formed?

Deposition  Volcanic Eruption  Plate Tectonics

When they were formed, the Appalachian Mountains were higher than the Himalayas which stand at over 29,000 feet. Presently, the highest point in Georgia is Brasstown Bald at 4,784 feet. What physical process changed the mountains?

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Ridge and Valley Region

Take a close look at the “rocks” as you walk through the Ridge and Valley region. Are these rocks mostly:

- Sedimentary
- Igneous
- Metamorphic

How can you tell?

The Ancient Seas Gallery shows what the Ridge and Valley region of Georgia looked like around 300 million years ago. Explore the room then answer the following true or false statements.

- T  F  The Ridge and Valley region of Georgia was underwater in the past.
- T  F  All of these animals are invertebrates.
- T  F  The fossils of these animals are found in metamorphic rock in the Ridge and Valley.

Coastal Plain Region

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What do you think the feathers were used for?

flight  warmth  protection from predators

Coast and Barrier Islands

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beach sediments washing away with the waves  deposition

wind dropping sand on dunes  human intervention

nets placed to protect dunes  erosion
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1. ____________________ Piedmont ____________________
2. ____________________ Appalachian ____________________
3. ____________________ Ridge and Valley ____________________
4. ____________________ Cumberland Plateau ____________________
5. ____________________ Coastal Plain ____________________
6. ____________________ Okefenokee Swamp ____________________
7. ____________________ Coast and Barrier Islands ____________________

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__________________________ Stone Mountain (however, Arabia Mountain or Panola Mountain are also correct) ____________________

Georgia’s crust is _____ 20 _____ miles thick.

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Georgia Performance Standards

Piedmont Region
There are rock samples from each region in Georgia displayed at the entrance of this exhibition. Write down the name of your favorite rock and list what type of rock it is (based on how it formed).

• S6E5. Students will investigate the scientific view of how the earth’s surface is formed.
  c. Classify rocks by their process of formation.

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Georgia’s crust is _________ miles thick.

• S6E5. Students will investigate the scientific view of how the earth’s surface is formed.
  a. Compare and contrast the Earth’s crust, mantle, and core including temperature, density, and composition.

Appalachian Region
How do you think Georgia’s mountains were formed?

• S6E5. Students will investigate the scientific view of how the earth’s surface is formed.
  e. Recognize that lithospheric plates constantly move and cause major geological events on the earth’s surface.

  f. Explain the effects of physical processes (plate tectonics, erosion, deposition, volcanic eruption, gravity) on geological features including oceans (composition, currents, and tides).

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  d. Describe processes that change rocks and the surface of the earth.

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• S6CS8. Students will investigate the characteristics of scientific knowledge and how it is achieved.
  c. As prevailing theories are challenged by new information, scientific knowledge may change and grow.

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  i. Explain the effects of human activity on the erosion of the earth’s surface.