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Georgia: Its Heritage and Its Promise

Chapter 14: Expansion and Growth: 1789-1850

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As settlers moved west, they worked to build better transportation routes across Georgia. In this lesson, you will examine Georgia maps from the 1800s to learn how the state grew and transportation changed. For comparison, you will take a look at some of the highways in Georgia today.

Part I: How were roads built in the 19th century? Read the information at the link below to learn how roads were built in the 19th century. Then, use the information you find to provide the requested information.

[How to Build a Road: A 19th Century Primer](#)

1. As part of the “first task,” what had to be cleared from the path of the road?

_____ / _____ / _____

2. What tools were used to make these measurements on new roads?

Distance: _____

Direction: _____

Elevation: _____

3. What were two possible uses for the money collected on turnpikes (toll roads)?

Part II: What were the main roads in Georgia in the 19th century? Use the links below to view historical maps of Georgia. These resources are **primary sources** because they are artifacts from the time that you are studying. Be sure to use the navigation features on the websites to zoom in, zoom out, and move around the maps to study them more fully.

[Georgia - 1812](#)

[Georgia - 1822](#)

[Georgia - 1836](#)

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4. What are three changes in Georgia that can be found by studying these maps?

Part III: There were other ways to travel in the 1800s in Georgia. Use information from the bottom of the Georgia 1836 map to complete items 5-7.

5. What information is found on this map that was not on the previous maps?

6. A portion of the information is shown at right. To read the table, note that the first stop after leaving Savannah is Argyle Island which is 7 miles away. The trip to Isla Island is 8 more miles, for a total of 15 miles. How far was the journey from Ebenezer to Frying Pan?

7. What was the total distance, by steamboat, from Savannah to Augusta?

STEAM BOAT ROUTES.	
Savannah to Augusta	
<i>Argyle Island</i>	7
<i>Isla Island</i>	8 15
<i>Head of Isla</i>	6 21
<i>Purisburg</i>	10 31

Part IV: Use the [Historical Atlas of Georgia Counties](#) to find maps of your county.

8. Draw a sketch of the area where your county is located and show the main transportation routes in the 1840s.

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Part V: America's current superhighways are a part of the Interstate Highway System. Use the link below to find information to complete the remaining items.

[Federal Highway Administration Interstate Highways](#) - facts about the nation's highways

[Interstate 75 Guide](#) - details about highway with lots of photos of exits

[National Highway System: Georgia Map](#) - shows all major highways in Georgia

9. Which five Interstate highways cover the most miles in Georgia?

10. What is the total number of miles of Interstate highways in Georgia?

11. Interstate 75 (I-75) is the longest of the Interstate highways in Georgia. What city is at its northern end (or terminus)? What city is at its southern end?

12. Use the map at right.

- Sketch the routes of the Interstate highways that cover the most distance in Georgia.
- Label each of the highways.
- Label Savannah, Columbus, Augusta, Macon, and Atlanta.
- Mark the town closest to your school.

