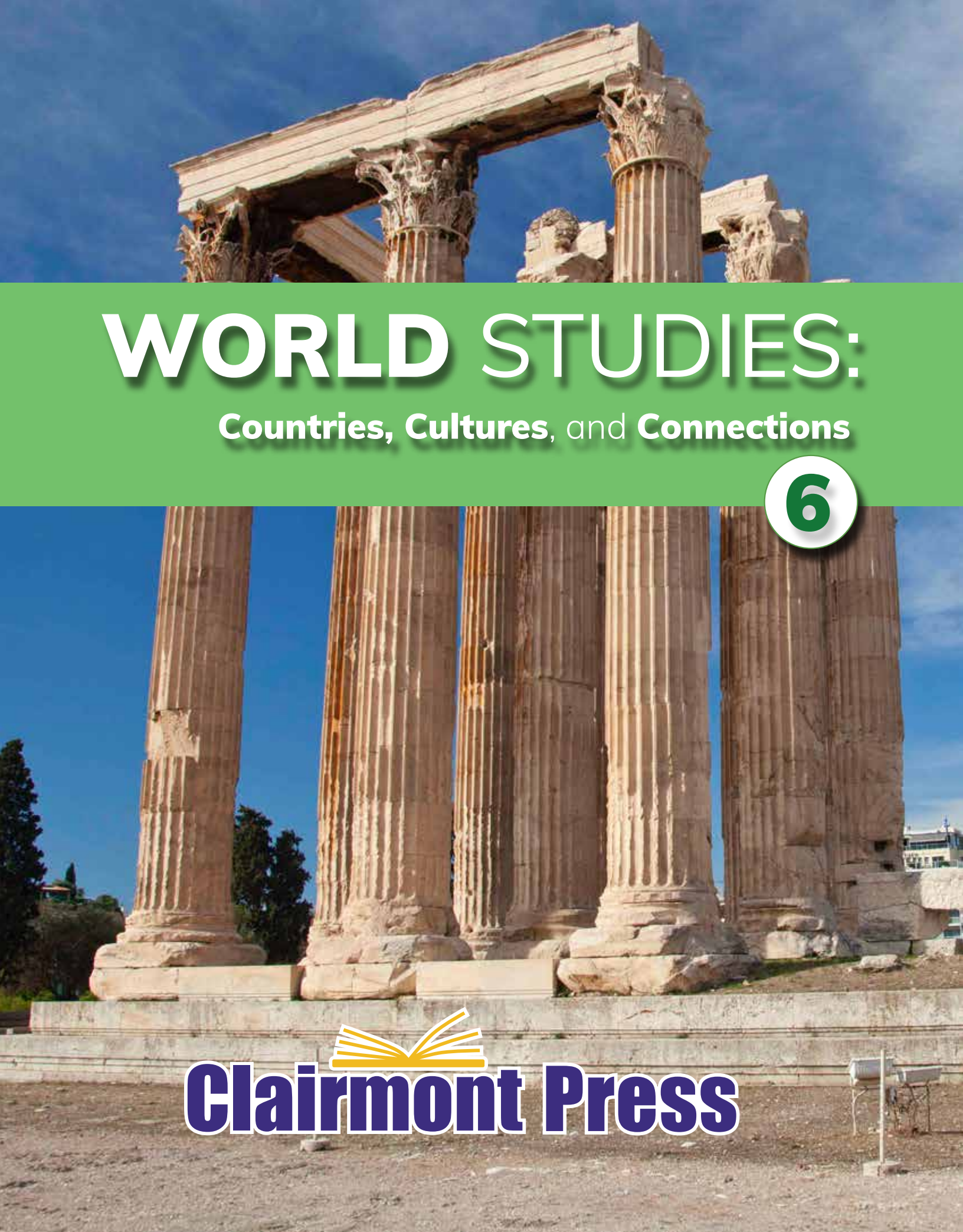




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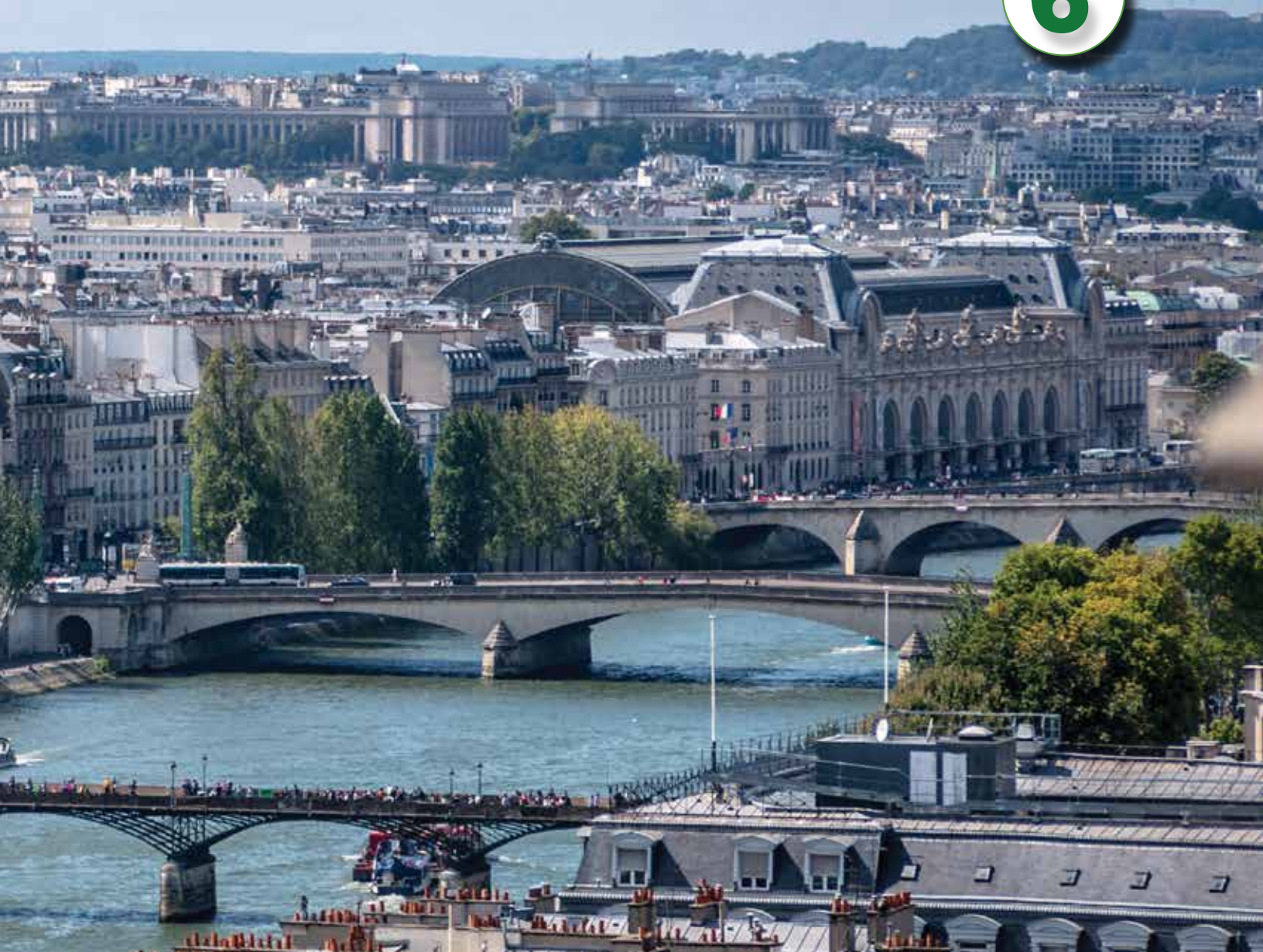


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To the Students

Welcome to your first year of World Studies, a two-year course to help Georgia's students learn more about the world in which they live. For this book, the focus is on three important regions in the world: Europe, countries with British ties, and Latin America. You will learn about the geography and history of several focus countries. You will also learn about government and economics in the focus countries today.

You might wonder why it is important to study other countries in the world. As a person who lives in the state of Georgia in the United States, you do not live very close to any of these other countries. However, Georgians today are connected closely to the whole world. You have goods such as clothing or electronics that have been manufactured in other countries and sold in your state. You may have family members who work for businesses that depend on trade with other countries. You live in a country that works with governments around the world, and the United States military defends our country from sites around the globe.

From just about anywhere in Georgia you only have to look in the sky to see more evidence of your state's connections to the world—jets carrying goods and people to faraway destinations. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is key to these connections. The airport is the world's busiest with more than 900,000 flights carrying over 100,000,000 passengers and nearly 650,000 tons of cargo each year. Millions of these passengers and tons of cargo are traveling to other countries in the world.

As a citizen of Georgia in the twenty-first century, you will have many opportunities to connect to the larger world. What you learn in this book will help you as you continue your life's journey.

Enjoy this adventure!

Sincerely,

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