

Lesson Title & Grade Level: Georgia's Geographic Regions and Communities

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Program Description: Students will review the five geographical regions of Georgia.

Curriculum Standards: SS8G1: The student will describe Georgia with regard to physical features and location. b) Describe the five geographic regions of Georgia; include the Blue Ridge Mountains, Valley and Ridge, Appalachian Plateau, Piedmont, and Coastal Plain.

Materials Needed: Outline map of Georgia (with or without regions outlined), Regions Graphic Organizer, materials for making a brochure (computer or colored pencils/paper), research materials (books, maps, textbook, computer. . .), ActivBoard

Teaching Outline: Introduce the five regions of Georgia and their locations in the state. Have students label and color the regions on the outline map. Assign each group of four-five students one of the five regions and allow groups to research the geology and soil, physical features, climate, plants, animals and state parks that are located in their assigned region. Have each group report their findings and complete their section of the Regions Graphic Organizer on the ActivBoard while other students fill out their organizer.

Once all students have completed the Regions GO, assign students or let them choose (individually or in groups) one of Georgia's state parks. <http://gastateparks.org/map>

Students will create a brochure describing the state park and region where it is located. The brochure should be a visitor's guide for plants and animals that visitors might see while visiting the park. Students should draw and give the names of plants or animals that can be found in their region of Georgia.

Wrap up by having one student from each region share their findings and brochures with students who investigated other regions and compare similarities and differences.

Resources (optional):

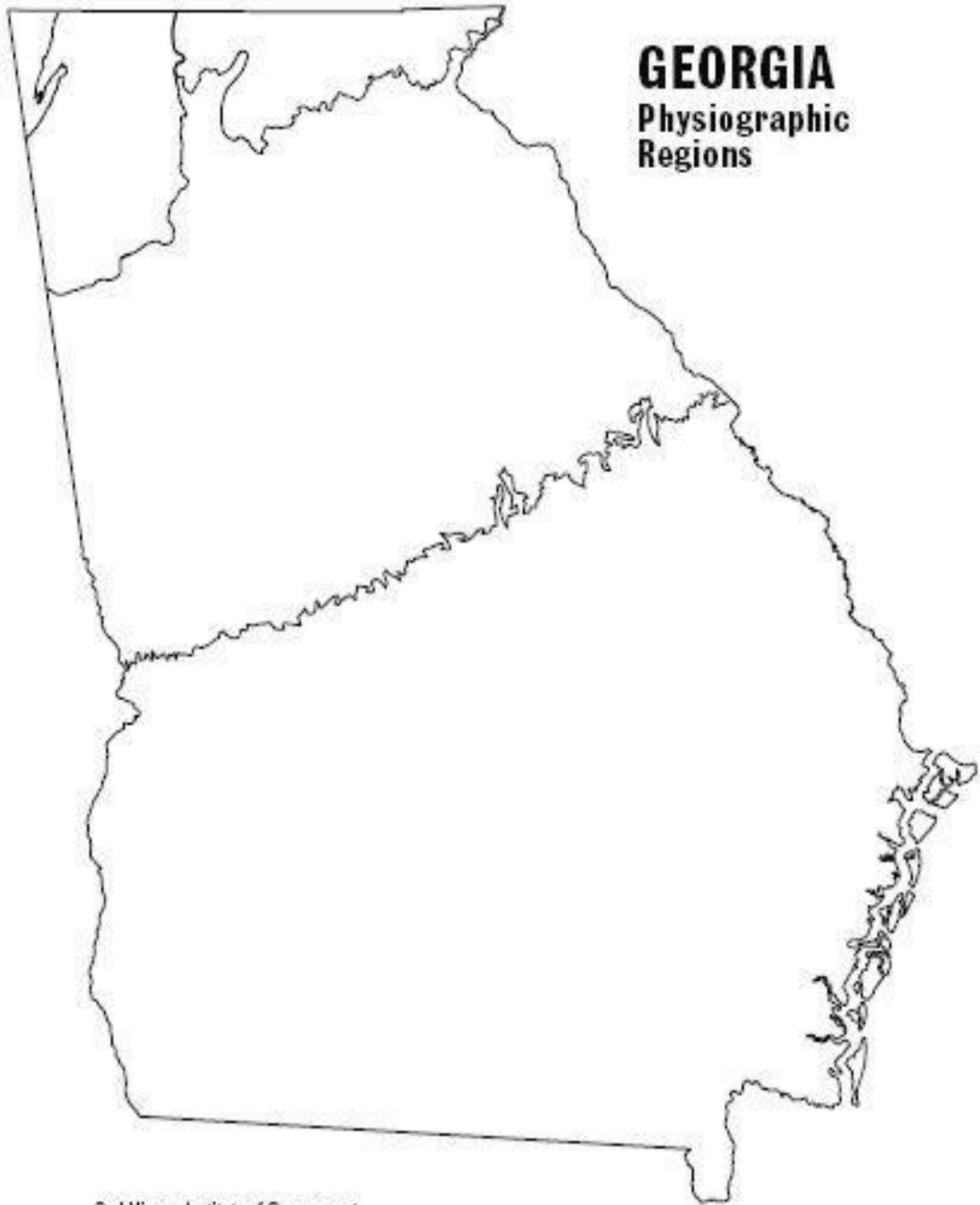
<http://www.naturalcommunitiesofgeorgia.com/>

<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/conservation/georgia-animals-plants>

Teaching Materials: attached map, graphic organizer and brochure

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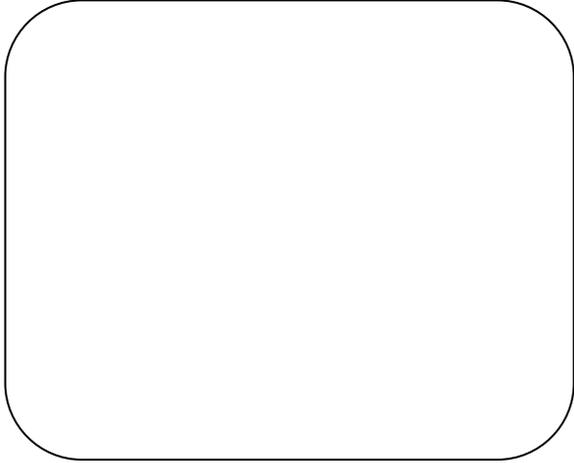
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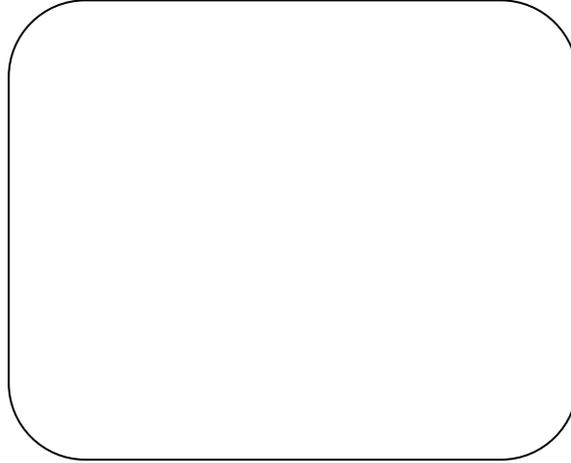
Regions Graphic Organizer

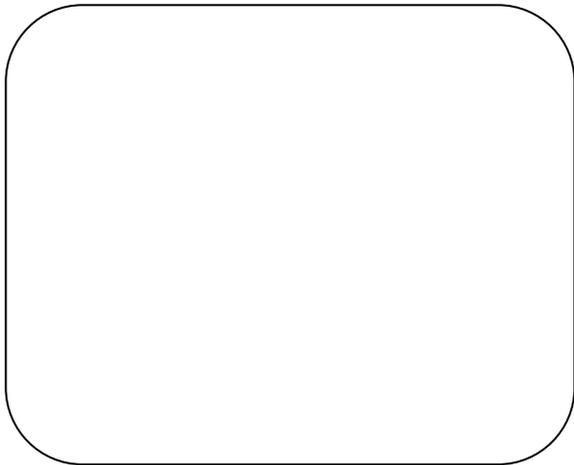
| Region | Geology/Soils | Physical Features | Climate | Plants | Animals | State Parks |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|
| Appalachian Plateau | | | | | | |
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| Blue Ridge | | | | | | |
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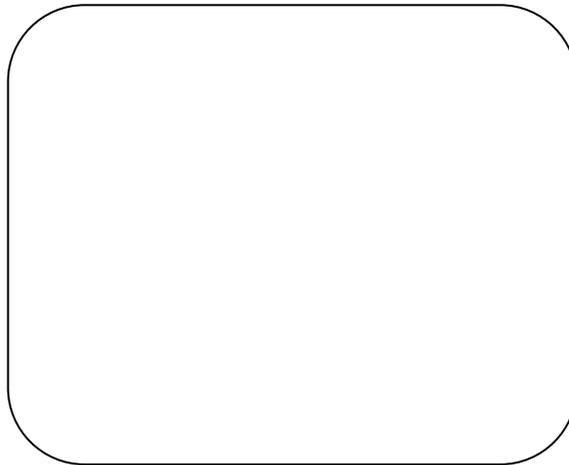
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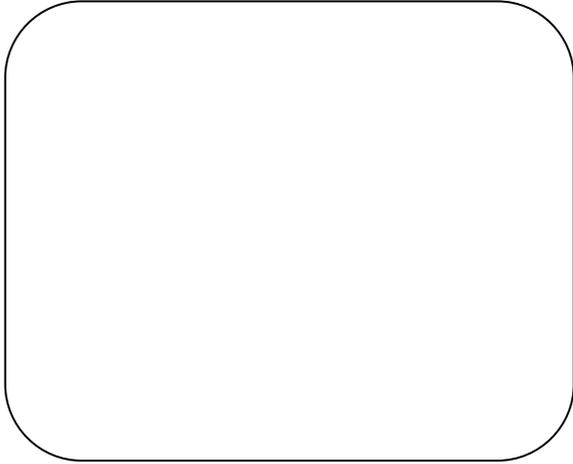


State Park

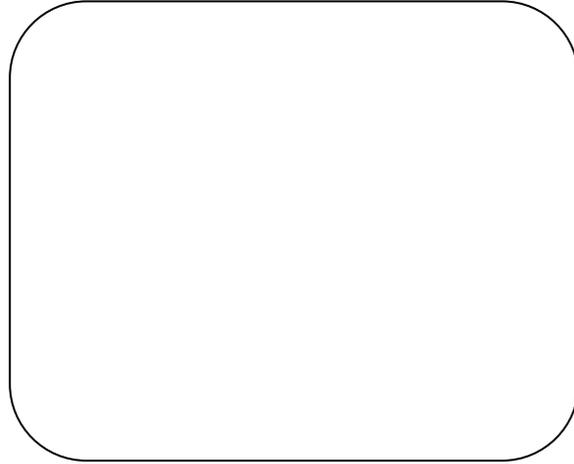
A brief description of your park including
the region where it is located



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