



Georgia | Lesson Plan

What are the unique facts and features about the state of Georgia?

Students will understand Georgia's geography, unique characteristics, and historical significance.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify and locate the state of Georgia on a map, understanding its geographical positioning among the 50 states.
- Know the abbreviation for the state of Georgia and be able to spell its name.
- Describe nine unique characteristics of Georgia, including aspects of its history, climate, and cultural significance.

Key Vocabulary:

- **James Oglethorpe:** A British philanthropist, military leader, and the founder of the colony of Georgia in 1733. He played a crucial role in the early development and defense of the colony, advocating for the rights and welfare of its settlers.
- **Cotton gin:** A machine invented by Eli Whitney in 1793 that quickly and efficiently separated cotton fibers from their seeds, revolutionizing the cotton industry by greatly increasing production and reducing labor costs.
- **The Confederacy:** A group of 11 Southern states that seceded from the United States between 1860 and 1861. It was established as a separate government with its own constitution, president, and military, primarily to preserve the institution of slavery and uphold states' rights. The Confederacy fought against the Union during the American Civil War and was ultimately defeated in 1865, leading to the abolition of slavery and the restoration of the seceded states to the United States.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr.:** A prominent American civil rights leader, Baptist minister, and social activist best known for his role in advancing civil rights through nonviolent protest. He played a key role in the movement to end racial segregation and discrimination in the United States during the 1950s and 1960s. His leadership in events such as the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the March on Washington, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, helped bring about significant legal and social changes, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered as one of the most influential figures in American history.

Educational Standards: CCRA.R.1, CCRA.R.7, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2, CCRA.W.7, CCRA.W.8

Academic Subjects: America, History, Geography

What You'll Need

- Video: *Unboxed, USA: Georgia* (Watch [Here](#))

Scan to watch episode:



- Worksheet: *Unboxed, USA: Game Map* (Click [Here](#))
- Optional: colored pencils, crayons, or markers to color the map

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Begin by exploring the concept of the United States as a unified country with diverse states, each with its unique history, landscape, and characteristics. Reflect on the meaning of the word “United” in “United States” and its significance.
2. Introduce the “Unboxed, USA: Game Map,” explaining the instructions and emphasizing the mystery element of identifying one of the fifty states through clues.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Explain that students will play a game to discover the mystery state.
2. Play the video. Encourage active participation and observational skills.
3. Pause the video as needed to allow students time to process information, make educated guesses, and understand key points in greater depth.
4. Take time to go over key vocabulary and historical elements for the state of Georgia.

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Facilitate a review of the nine key facts about Georgia, encouraging students to articulate their learning and contribute their insights either verbally or by writing on the board.
2. Consider collecting the completed activities as a formative assessment to gauge understanding and engagement with the lesson's content.

Optional Extension Lesson:

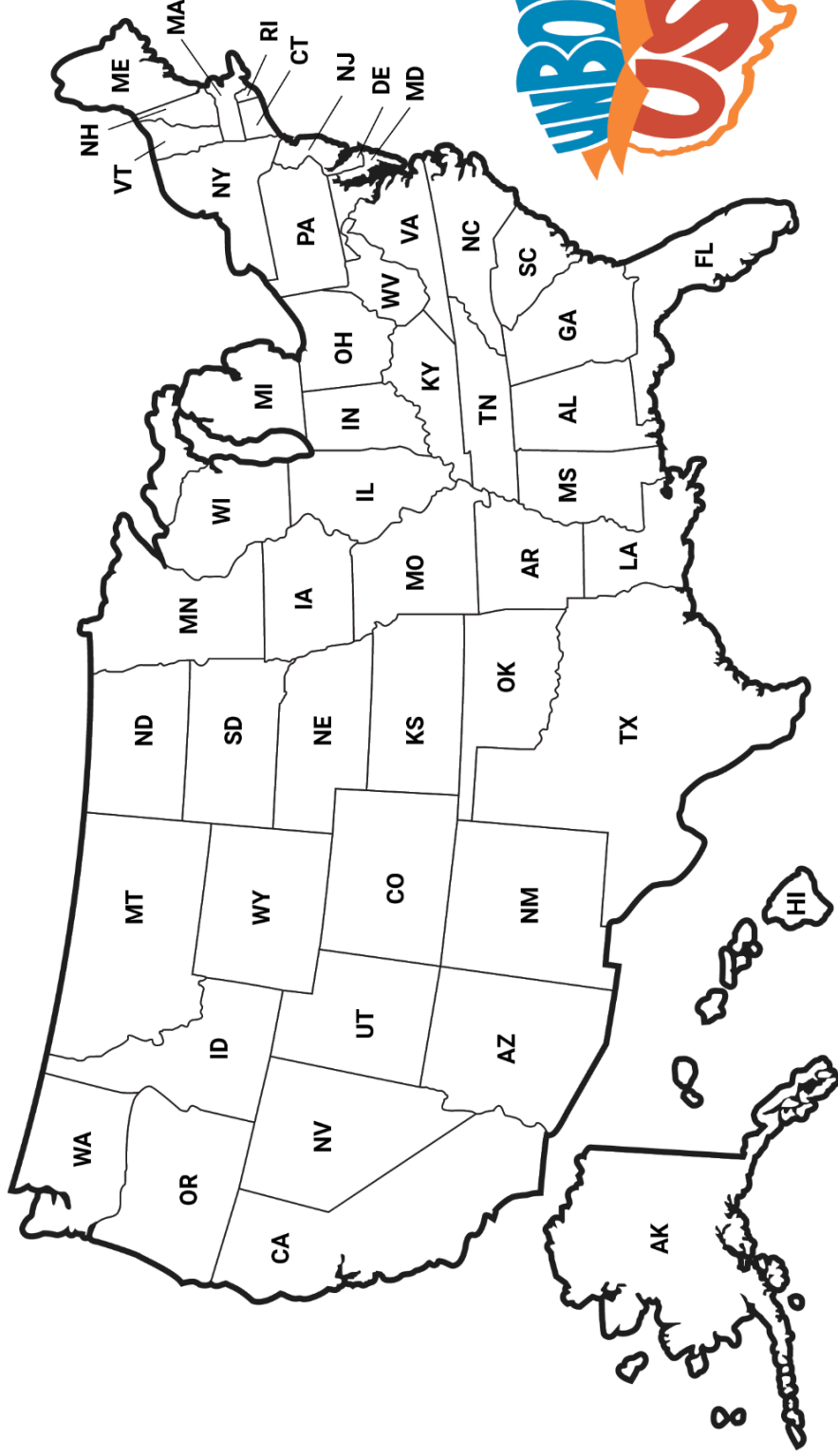
- Analyze the role of the Electoral College in the presidential election process, considering its impact on state representation, the balance of power between states, and its alignment with the principles of federalism outlined in the U.S. Constitution.
 - *Street Smarts: The Constitution* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Street Smarts: The Electoral College* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Craftory: Ballot Box* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
- Analyze the concept of federalism and its impact on the relationship between state and national governments, as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.
 - *Street Smarts: Federalism* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: Madison & Montesquieu* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: John Adams & Thomas Jefferson* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))
 - *Leo & Layla: Justice John Marshall* (Video and educational resources [Here](#))

Don't have time for the full lesson? Quick Activity (15 mins.)

Distribute the game map and allow students to complete it while they follow along with the video.

Instructions:

Play along with the **Unboxed, USA** video. After the first three clues, mark your initial guess with a "1" on the state you think it is. Start jotting down any important facts on the lines provided. After the next three clues, make your second guess by marking a "2" on the state you think it is. Continue adding facts to your list. Following the last set of three clues, make your final guess and mark it with a "3." Were you correct? Put a star on the correct state and write it out on the line provided. Aim to have a list of six key facts by the end of the episode.



Fact 1 _____ **Fact 4** _____

Fact 2 _____ **Fact 5** _____

Fact 3 _____ **Fact 6** _____

_____ **State Name**