

Study Guide Founding of Georgia

SS8H2: Historical Understanding: Analyze the colonial period of Georgia's history.

SS8H2a: Explain the importance of James Oglethorpe, the Charter of 1732, reasons for settlement (charity, economics, and defense), Tomochichi, Mary Musgrove, and the City of Savannah.

Essential Question: What is the importance of James Oglethorpe, the Charter of 1732, reasons for settlement (charity, economics, and defense), Tomochichi, Mary Musgrove, and the city of Savannah.

Item	Importance
James Oglethorpe	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Former military officer2. Member of Parliament3. Wanted relief for debtors in prison4. Agreed to lead new colony hoping for a colony for debtors5. Only 1 out of 4 (25%) of Georgia settlers came from debtor prisons
Charter of 1732	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stated that Charity, Economics, and Defense as the purpose of the new colony2. Allowed for religious freedom to attract persecuted Protestants over Europe, but EXCLUDED Catholics.3. Set boundaries between the Savannah and Altamaha Rivers
Charity Economics Defense	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Charity: poor, unemployed and debtors could apply to come.2. Economics: produce rice, wine, silk and indigo to make money for the trustees3. Defense: Created a BUFFER (by building a series of forts)between Spanish Florida and South Carolina
Tomochichi	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chief of the Yamacraw (Muscogee tribe)2. Gave the land to Oglethorpe in hope for trade and protection from the British3. Became closed friend with Oglethorpe4. Buried with full British military honors

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Mary Musgrove	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Had a Muscogee (Creek) mother and English father2. Married to John Musgrove and they owned a tavern on the Savannah River3. Her valuable aid as an interpreter helped Oglethorpe to acquire Yamacraw Bluff
City of Savannah	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The ship the <i>Anne</i> reached South Carolina early in 1733 with the first settlers (114 people)2. The colonists landed on Yamacraw Bluff on February 12, 1733 (Today this date is celebrated as Georgia Day.)3. Oglethorpe led the colonists to clear the land and build the town of Savannah4. It was to be a classless society: similar houses and slavery forbidden5. Oglethorpe set the town out in squares so that everyone's front porch faced each other.