

SS8H12 The student will explain the importance of significant social, economic, and political developments in Georgia since 1970.

- a. Evaluate the consequences of the end of the county unit system and reapportionment.
 1. Urban counties had 8 votes, town counties had four votes and rural counties had two votes.
 2. This gave the power to the rural areas and minimized the urban as well as African-American vote.
 3. James O’Hear Sanders sued James Gray, the head of the state Democratic Party to end the county unit system.
 4. State Supreme Court led by Griffin Bell agreed with Sanders. The governor asked the legislature to restructure Georgia’s voting.
 5. In 1963, in *Baker vs Carr* the U.S. Supreme Court agreed that under the 14th Amendment that it was one person, one vote.
 6. The end of the county unit system helped to usher in more industry in Georgia as well as help to gain better jobs for African-Americans.
- b. Describe the role of Jimmy Carter in Georgia as state senator, governor, president, and past president.
 1. Elected to the state senate in 1962 and 1964 worked for education.
 2. Ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1966.
 3. Won governorship in 1970.
 4. Surprised everyone with his inaugural address: “time for racial discrimination is over...”
 - a. changed the way schools are funded to be equal.
 - b. protect parks and historical sites
 - c. changed the way judges and state officials were chosen
 - d. reformed the executive branch
 5. Won election as president in 1976
 - a. Panama canal treaty
 - b. SALT II to reduce arms with the Soviets
 - c. Iranian hostage crisis
 - d. Boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympics over Afghanistan
 - e. Camp David Accords
 - f. Hyper Inflation
 6. Life after the presidency
 - a. Carter Center
 - b. Habitat for Humanity
 - c. Ambassador at large
 - d. Nobel Peace Prize
- c. Analyze the impact of the rise of the two-party system in Georgia.
 1. The Voting Rights Act allowed more blacks to register to vote
 2. end of the county unit system
 3. Sonny Perdue and the Republican sweep of 2002
- d. Evaluate the effect of the 1996 Olympic Games on Georgia.
 1. Billy Payne and Andrew Young.
 2. Federal money to rebuild parks, streets
 3. Improved on apartments
 4. 72 million people visited Georgia boosting the Georgia economy.
 5. Gave the world a positive view of Georgia and attracted foreign investments into the state.
 6. Braves got a new stadium
- e. Evaluate the importance of new immigrant communities to the growth and economy of Georgia.
 1. Influx of Latin Americans to work fields and factories
 2. Influx of Asians into Georgia.

