

Study Guide: Pre-Columbian Georgia

SS8H1 The student will evaluate the development of Native American cultures and the impact of European exploration and settlement on the Native American cultures in Georgia.

- Describe the evolution of Native American cultures (Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian) prior to European contact.
- Evaluate the impact of European contact on Native American cultures; include Spanish missions along the barrier islands, and the explorations of Hernando DeSoto.
- Explain reasons for European exploration and settlement of North America, with emphasis on the interests of the French, Spanish, and British in the southeastern area.

Essential Questions

- How did Native American cultures (Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian) evolve prior to European contact?



Tradition	Dates	Weapons	Food	Shelters	Evidence of Religion
Paleo					
Archaic					
Woodland					
Mississippian					



2. How did European contact including Spanish Missions and the exploration of Hernado De Soto impact Native cultures?

a. What was the purpose of the Spanish Missions?

b. What happened to the Spanish Missions?

c. Why did De Soto come to the Southeastern part of North America?

d. What did De Soto accomplish?

3. Why did Europeans (French, Spanish, and British) explore and settle North America in the southeastern area?

Explorers	Why?	Where?
Spanish Ponce de León		
Lucas Ayllón		
Pedro Méndez de Avíles		
French Catholic La Salle, Iberville and Bienville		
Huguenots Jean Ribault and Laudonierre		
British Jean Cabot John Smith, John Rolfe, Thomas Del a Warr		