

Study Guide: Pre-Colombian 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.

- a. Describe the evolution of Native American cultures (Paleo, Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian) prior to European contact.
- b. Evaluate the impact of European contact on Native American cultures; include Spanish missions along the barrier islands, and the explorations of Hernando DeSoto.
- c. 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

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

Prehistoric Native	Time	Description
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?

Spanish		
French		
British		