

*North American*  
**GEO QUEST**  
A 13 part Hist-ography Series



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THE  
**SOUTHEAST**  
REGION

Alabama • Florida • Georgia  
North Carolina • South Carolina • Virginia

*INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

The purpose of this video series is to provide students with a stimulating overview of both the history and the geographical regions of the United States, the Provinces of Canada, and Mexico. Specifically developed to enhance the social studies curriculum, **North American Geoquest** is a 13-part **Histo-geography series**.

Filmed on location, these videos present *spectacular photography* along with *dynamic computer graphics*. Other features include; important historical figures, commerce, capital cities, significant points of interest and more! These videos also inform students of the relationships between the geologic, geographical and historical effects upon a region's past and present developments. Some geologic and geographical developments include the formation of mountains, lakes, volcanoes and glaciers and how these strongly influence a region's culture and history.

By understanding the profiles of these regions, students will acquire the knowledge that will define a *balance between the past and present*. Furthermore, as students study these videos, they will learn the geography of North America and about their own *heritage and those of others*.

As a complementary device with the video, this instructional guide suggests exercises to help aid teachers, parents and students. These exercises will reinforce and further develop a students level of comprehension. The instructional guide provides:

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- students to actively participate in the learning experience
- for greater flexibility and interactive learning
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- for a level of control over learning
- for the learner to become more engaged
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### **Vocabulary!**

### **Chronology!**

### **Discussion Points/Activities!**



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New England Region  
Great Lakes Region  
Mid-Atlantic Region  
Southeast Region  
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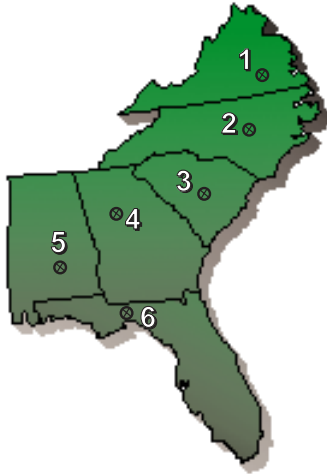
### **Suggested Usage:**

Geography, History, Social Studies,  
Language Arts, Commerce, Environment  
Intermediate, Jr. High, General

Approx. 22 minutes each video 1998

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## THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Descendants of the Paleo-Indians were the first known inhabitants to occupy this land. Later, the first European settlers, mostly from Spain, France and Britain, began to explore this region during the early 1500's.

Aboard ships, these early settlers arrived in the Southeast region seeking religious and political freedom. Eventually, tensions grew between the new settlers and the British authorities in Europe. Those tensions lead to the Revolutionary War in 1775. After the war, the Southeast territories began to join the Union. Later however, another war entered the Southeast scene. Home to confederate ideals, these same southern states who joined the Union after the Revolutionary War began to secede. The Civil War became known as the bloodiest war in U.S. history. Many battles were fought on Southeast soil and along its coastal shores. After the war the southern states rejoined the Union which is known today as the United States of America. From the first European settlements, to the grit of war, to the first aviation flight at Kittyhawk, to the moon launchings at Cape Canaveral this region presents a variety of historic relevance.

Along with its rich history the Southeast Region also has geographical significance. Located along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, entry to and from this region allows the U.S. to transport vast amounts of imported and exported goods. Along with its strategic location, the Southeast Region also offers an abundance of natural beauty. Each year, millions of travelers visit this region to enjoy its oceanshores, state parks, mountain viewtops and more.

As we study the Southeast region, we begin to understand where we as a nation have been, and how far we have gone—as this region offers us a place of origin, a place of beauty and a place to learn.

**BATTLE OF BULL RUN/MANASSAS:** The first major battle of the Civil War in 1861. Known as the "Battle of Bull Run" in the north but referred to in the south as the "Battle of Manassas".

**BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS:** Located along the Eastern border of the Appalachian Mountains. This mountain range extends from southern Pennsylvania down into southern Georgia.

**CIVIL WAR:** From 1861-65 the Southeast region becomes a heavy battleground between the Confederate states of the south seeking independence from the Union states of the north. This war attempted to resolve two major issues: (1) the distribution of power between the Federal Union and the states; and (2) the existence of slavery.

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:** A document adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4th 1776. Its primary author Thomas Jefferson, proclaimed the reasons for the separation of the 13 colonies from Britain. This document eventually became the preamble for the U.S. Constitution.

**FORT RALEIGH:** The first permanent English settlement in the New World.

**HERNANDO DE SOTO:** First European explorer to claim Alabama and Georgia for Spain in 1540.

**JOHN ROLFE:** First English settler to cultivate tobacco in 1614.

**KITTYHAWK:** Located in North Carolina, this famous site is where Orville and Wilbur Wright attempted the first aviation flight in 1903.

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5. Draw a map (if you like, use a computer or the map provided on page 8) of the Southeast region, indicating significant points of interest. For example, the capital cities, i.e. Richmond Virginia, important events, i.e. 1861 Battle of Bull Run/Manassas or the names of early explorers, i.e. Hernando De Soto etc..

6. Many battles during the Civil War were fought on the soil of the Southeast Region. Discuss the issues involved with this conflict and the profiles of the two groups represented in the North (the Union) and South (Confederates). Then assemble the students into two groups to have a political debate on the issues. Perhaps have each group nominate a leader to represent President Abraham Lincoln for the Union and President Jefferson Davis for the Confederates.

7. If possible, arrange a trip near your community to visit museums, cultural centers, state parks etc. to stimulate your imagination to explore the beautiful history and geography of the Southeast Region.

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## Discussion Points/Activities

1. Today such conveniences as computers, telephones, automobiles, electricity, etc. are used to enhance our modern day lives. Explain how these enhancements differ to those used during the time the Southeast Region was being discovered. Use this information for the following study points/activities.

2. Imagine what it would be like to be an early explorer. Discuss issues which may have concerned these early settlers: weather conditions, commerce, regional terrain, food/vegetation, dealing with foreign policy issues with England, France, or Spain etc..

3. Both geographical and historical information has been documented throughout the world. Explain why this type of information is important when studying the Southeast Region, and how it relates to our everyday lives? Furthermore, how do the disciplines of geography and history interact or relate with other areas of study in your school's curriculum?

4. Tensions leading toward the Revolutionary War existed between the early American settlers and the British authorities, assemble the students into small groups to negotiate or debate the interests of these two groups.  
(similar to discussion point #6 for the Civil War.)

**MOUNT MITCHELL:** Located in North Carolina as part of the Blue Ridge Mountain Range, this peak at 6,684 feet is the highest mountain east of the Mississippi River.

**NORTH AMERICA:** The third largest continent in the world consisting of Canada, the United States, Mexico and Central America.

**PALEO - INDIANS:** Migrating from Asia into North America, these *Nomadic Hunters and gatherers* were the first known inhabitants to live in the Southeast region.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR:** 1775-81 The colonies revolted against the British parliament's right to tax. This became a key issue for liberating the colonies away from British authority, which eventually led toward a war for American independence.

**SOUTHEAST Region:** Term used to describe the region located in the southeast part of the United States. This region includes 6 states; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

**STONE MOUNTAIN:** Located in Georgia, this mountain similar to Mount Rushmore, is known as the world's largest granite monolith. Carved within its granite stone are the confederate figures of president Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON:** Drafted the Declaration of Independence, elected 3rd U.S. president, Governor of Virginia, as president negotiated the Louisiana Purchase with France in 1803.

## Chronology of SOUTHEAST Region

- 30-40,000 years ago:** Paleo-Indians migrate from Asia into North America—by using a land bridge which at one time connected Asia with Alaska.
- 1540:** Spanish explorer, Hernando De Soto is the first European to claim Georgia and Alabama.
- 1565:** Spanish explorer, Don Pedro Menendez establishes the New World's first European settlement at St. Augustine, Florida.
- 1607:** 104 English colonists land at Cape Henry, Virginia.
- 1614:** John Wolfe becomes the first Englishman to learn how to cultivate tobacco from the native American Indians.
- 1619:** The first slaves arrive in Virginia and the first legislative assembly is created in the colonies of Virginia.
- 1680:** English expel the Spanish from the area later known as Georgia.
- 1754:** The French and Indian War begins.
- 1759:** The French empire in North America was defeated by the English.
- 1775:** The War for Independence begins, better known as the Revolutionary War, between the early American settlers and the British.

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- 1776:** In Philadelphia, the Declaration of Independence is adopted by congress.
- 1778:** Virginia becomes the 10th state to join the Union.
- 1781:** At Yorktown, Virginia, George Washington defeats British General Cornwallis thus ending the Revolutionary War.
- 1788:** Georgia becomes the 4th and South Carolina the 8th state to join the Union.
- 1789:** George Washington is inaugurated as the first U.S. president. North Carolina becomes the 12th state to join the Union.
- 1812-14:** War of 1812 begins. Some of the causes include; the British seize U.S ships trading with France; and Britain aided Indians attacking U.S western borders.
- 1819:** Alabama becomes the 22nd state to join the Union and Spain sells Florida to the U.S.
- 1845:** Florida becomes the 27th state to join the Union.
- 1860:** South Carolina becomes the first state to secede from the Union, 10 other southern states soon follow.
- 1861-65:** Abraham Lincoln inaugurated as the 16th president of the U.S. and the Civil War begins/ends
- 1861:** Battle of Bull Run/Manassas
- 1903:** Orville and Willbur Wright attempt the first aviation flight at Kittyhawk, North Carolina. Orville's flight lasted 12 seconds covering 120 feet, while Willbur's flight lasted 59 seconds covering 852 feet.

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