

GEORGIA COLONY Reading Comprehension

The colony of Georgia, located directly in between the English colony of South Carolina and the Spanish colony of Florida, was the subject of frequent military invasions by both sides until the Yamasee War (1715–1716) left the area devoid of people.

In 1732, James Oglethorpe received a royal charter for the Province of Georgia. It was named after King George I. Oglethorpe imagined the area as a refuge for England's poor people, who were crowded together in debtors' prisons. In 1733, 116 settlers arrived in modern-day Savannah aboard the HMS Anne. Georgia would become the last of the English colonies in the New World. Soon, immigrants throughout the world came to Georgia in the hopes of being awarded generous land grants, and Georgia quickly became a major center for the export of rice, indigo, beef, and pork.

In 1742, British forces, under James Oglethorpe, attacked a garrison of Spanish soldiers near present-day St. Simon's Island in what came to be known as the Battle of Bloody Run. After about an hour, the Spanish were defeated and permanently abandoned their attempts to invade Georgia.

1.) Why was Georgia the subject of many military invasions?

- a.) It was near the sea.
- b.) There were different Native tribes in the region.
- c.) The land was thought to have a lot of gold.
- d.) it was in between Spanish and English territory.

2.) What does the word "devoid" mean as used in the first paragraph?

- a.) empty
- b.) a few
- c.) filled
- d.) totally

3.) What happened in 1732?

- a.) Settlers arrived in Georgia
- b.) The Yamasee War
- c.) Georgians under Oglethorpe attacked the Spanish
- d.) A royal charter for Georgia was granted

4.) At first, James Oglethorpe imagined Georgia as a place for...

- a.) slaves
- b.) plantation owners
- c.) farmers
- d.) debtors

5.) Georgia was the _____ of the English colonies in the New World.

- A. richest
- B. first
- C. poorest
- D. last

6.) Why did so many people come to Georgia?

- a.) Other colonies were too crowded
- b.) To practice religion freely
- c.) They hoped they would receive land
- d.) A lot of people were in debt

7.) Georgia was NOT a center of _____ production.

- a.) wheat
- b.) beef
- c.) indigo
- d.) rice

8.) Which question is answered in the third paragraph?

- a.) When did Spain colonize Georgia?
- b.) When was Savannah established?
- c.) When did Spain abandon attempts to colonize Georgia?
- d.) When did England colonize Georgia?

9.) What happened last?

- a.) The attack near St. Simon's Island
- b.) 1743
- c.) Yamasee War
- d.) HMS Anne arrives in Georgia

10.) Which of the following assumptions IS NOT supported in the text?

- a.) There seemed to be a lot of fighting and violence in Georgia's early history.
- b.) Savannah is probably one of the oldest settlements in Georgia.
- c.) Georgia seemed to become prosperous after immigrants came.
- d.) Georgia was a bad choice of location if you were a debtor.