

Georgia Rivers

Chattahoochee, Oconee, Ocmulgee,
Altamaha, Flint, Savannah, and St. Mary's



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My Georgia Rivers Notebook



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This packet includes:

7- Reading Comprehension sheets that tell about Georgia's main rivers.

1- feature analysis chart comparing and contrasting Georgia's 7 main rivers

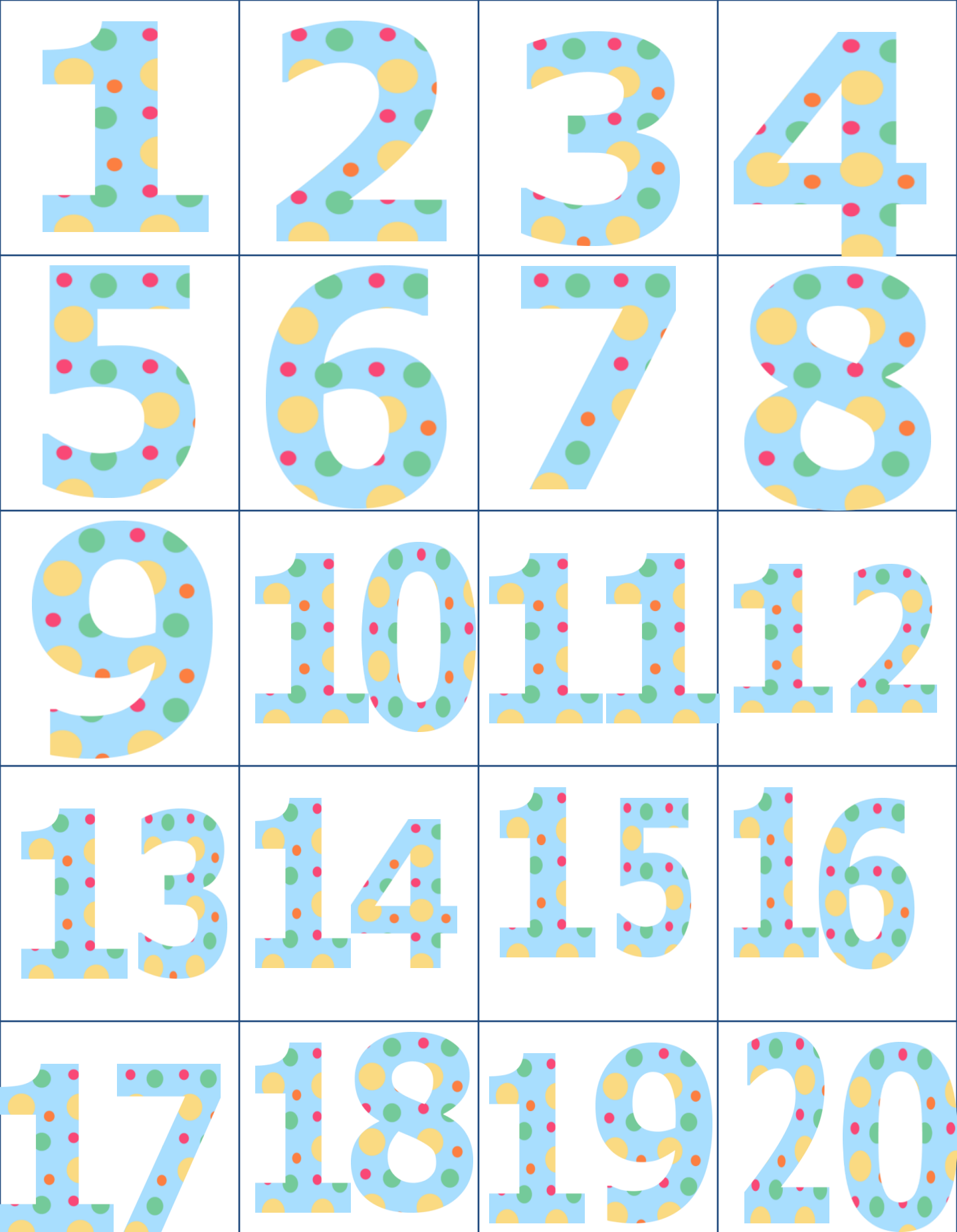
Georgia Rivers "Flow" Game with directions and recording sheet.

2- Georgia Rivers Notebook covers 1- girl; 1-boy

1- set of numbers for the "Flow" game

This packet can be used several ways. It can be used as individual handouts as you talk about each river, it can be made into a notebook(place all the reading comprehension sheets and the feature analysis sheet in the notebook to use during the lesson about Georgia rivers), they can be used in a small group, they can be used as reading/social studies centers, whole group using a document camera with all students answering the questions, or as a needs based reading group that is having trouble with comprehension.

The Flow game cards should be printed on cardstock and laminated for durability.



Georgia Rivers “Flow” Game



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Directions: This game is played like “Scoot” except when the teacher says “Flow” the students will flow like a river to the next number.

Laminate and cut apart the task cards. Put each task card at a desk. Give each student the included worksheet. Students will “flow” around the room to answer each question. Remind students that they will need to put the answer next to the correct number.

Example: if the student begins at task card #10, they will need to write the answer on #10 on their paper.

Give students about 30 seconds at each task card. Then say, “FLOW” and the student will move to the next task card. What a fun way to review Georgia rivers!

1.

The _____ River is the main source of water for over half of Georgia's population.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Savannah
- C. Chattahoochee

2.

_____ River is named after a Spanish mission.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Oconee
- C. St. Marys

3.

The Creek Indian name for the river was Thronateeska, which meant flint-picking-up place.

- A. Oconee
- B. Ocmulgee
- C. Flint

4.

The _____ River forms most of the border between the states of South Carolina and Georgia.

- A. Flint
- B. Chattahoochee
- C. Savannah

5.

It is the largest river in Georgia.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Altamaha
- C. Chattahoochee

6.

It is the home to a number of state-protected species such as the Robust Redhorse, a fish with rose colored fins and a fleshy mouth

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Oconee
- C. St. Marys

7.

_____ comes from the Creek word that means boiling or bubbling water.

- A. Oconee
- B. Ocmulgee
- C. Flint

8.

Eels taken from the river are shipped to Europe where they are eaten and considered a treat.

- A. Altamaha
- B. Chattahoochee
- C. Savannah

9.

_____ is
Creek Indian for
“flowered stones”.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Altamaha
- C. Chattahoochee

10.

The _____ River
begins as a stream in
the Blue Ridge
Mountains.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Savannah
- C. St. Marys

11.

_____ River
begins as a tiny
stream in the
Okefenokee Swamp
and forms part of the
border between
Georgia and Florida.

- A. Oconee
- B. Ocmulgee
- C. St. Marys

12.

The _____ River
begins at Atlanta
Hartsfield-Jackson
International Airport
with the upper portion
of the river flowing
through the Georgia
Piedmont region.

- A. Flint
- B. Chattahoochee
- C. Savannah

13.

The river was named for a Yamassee Indian chief, Alatamaha.

Circle the answer.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Altamaha
- C. Chattahoochee

14.

_____ means "River of the Shawnees."

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Savannah
- C. St. Marys

15.

The Indian name for the river is Thalthlothaguphka, which means rotten fish.

- A. Oconee
- B. Ocmulgee
- C. St. Marys

16.

The _____ got its name from a Creek settlement called Oconee Old Town.

- A. Flint
- B. Chattahoochee
- C. Oconee

17.

_____ Old Town,
which was a Creek
settlement transferred
its name to the river.

Circle the answer.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Oconee
- C. Chattahoochee

18.

The _____ river is
known for its catfish
and bass.

- A. Ocmulgee
- B. Savannah
- C. St. Marys

19.

The _____ River
is one of only 42
U.S. rivers with 124
miles or more of
unimpeded(not
slowed) flow.

- A. Oconee
- B. Ocmulgee
- C. Flint

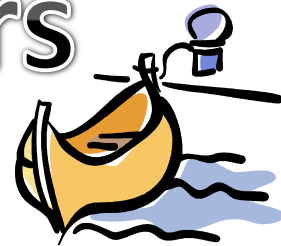
20.

The _____ is
viewed as the most
important ecosystems
in the region.

- A. Flint
- B. Chattahoochee
- C. Altamaha

Georgia Rivers

"Flow"



1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.
13.	14.	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20.

Comparing and Contrasting Georgia's Rivers

River	named by Indians	used for recreation	Important In GA history	flows into the ocean
Chattahoochee				
Oconee				
Ocmulgee				
Altamaha				
Flint				
Savannah				
St. Marys				

Chattahoochee River

The Chattahoochee River begins in Union County, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northeast Georgia. It flows 430 miles through Georgia. It is joined by the Flint River in Southwest Georgia. The Chattahoochee River is the main source of water for over half of Georgia's population.

Chattahoochee is Creek Indian for "flowered stones". The word *chatto*, which means stone, and the word *hooche* which means flowered or designs like flowers. Chattahoochee Old Town, which was a Creek settlement transferred its name to the river.



1. **Underline** the sentence that tells how far the Chattahoochee flows through Georgia.
2. What river joins the Chattahoochee in Southwest Georgia?

3. **Complete** each sentence.

The word _____ means stone.

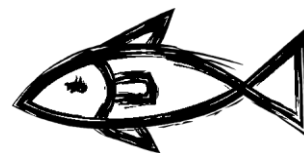
The word _____ means flowered or designs like flowers.

4. **Draw** a box around the town that transferred its name to the river.
5. **Explain** why the Chattahoochee River is so important to Georgia.

6. What group of Indians gave the Chattahoochee its name?



Oconee River



The Oconee River begins in Hall County in Northeast Georgia. The North and Middle Oconee rivers join to form the Oconee River 6 miles south of Athens, Georgia. Then the river flows south to join the Ocmulgee and form the Altamaha River which is the largest river in Georgia. It is the home to a number of state-protected species such as the Robust Redhorse, a fish with rose colored fins and a fleshy mouth. A state-protected species means that it can't be hunted, caught, trapped, or harmed in any way.



The Oconee got its name from a Creek settlement called Oconee Old Town, but the meaning of the word Oconee is unknown.

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1. Where does the Oconee River begin?

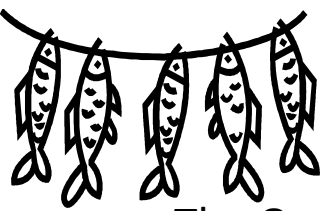
2. What river does the Oconee join to form the Altamaha river?

3. What does state-protected mean?

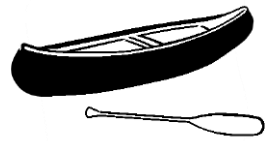
4. **Draw** a box around the name of the river that is the largest in Georgia.
5. **Name** the fish that lives in the Oconee River that is protected by the state. _____
6. How did the Oconee River get its name?

7. **Draw** a picture of what you think the Robust Redhorse looks like.

Name: _____



Ocmulgee River



The Ocmulgee River is formed in North Central Georgia just southeast of Atlanta. The Ocmulgee River flows in a generally narrow valley over rocky shoals, which are shallow areas made of sand, for about 43 miles before falling abruptly. After it falls it then enters the Coastal Plain and then becomes a gentle river. The gentle part of the river makes it a popular place to go canoeing. It is also used for fishing and is known for its catfish and bass.

Ocmulgee comes from the Creek word that means boiling or bubbling water. It is the combination of “oki”, which means water, and “mulgis”, which means bubbling or boiling.



1. **Underline** the sentence that tells where the Ocmulgee River is formed.
2. What is a shoal? _____
3. **Draw a box** around the group of Indians that gave the river its name.
4. What does Ocmulgee mean in Creek Indian language?

5. Name some things you can do on the river to have fun.

6. What does “oki” mean? _____
7. What does “mulgis” mean? _____

Name: _____



Altamaha River



The Altamaha River is formed where the Ocmulgee and the Oconee Rivers merge. It is the largest river in Georgia. It could be called the most important river as far as Georgia history is concerned. Along this river is where many of the large cotton plantations were located. Steamboats traveled up and down the river carrying travelers and items to be sold.



The Altamaha is viewed as the most important ecosystems in the region. Many different wildlife make their home on this river. Otters, turtles, alligators, and a variety of birds are some of the animals that live on the Altamaha River. Eels taken from the river are shipped to Europe where they are eaten and considered a treat. The river was named for a Yamassee Indian chief, Altamaha.

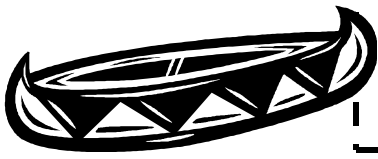


1. What do you think the word merge means? _____

2. Why is the river important in Georgia history? _____

3. **Draw a line** under the type of transportation that was used on the river long ago.
4. What was the Indian chiefs name? _____
5. Name 1 way that eels are used in Europe. _____

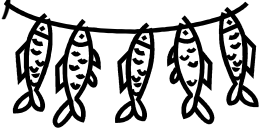
6. Name 3 animals that can be found on the river. _____



Flint River



The Flint River begins at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport with the upper portion of the river flowing through the Georgia Piedmont region. Below the Fall Line(where waterfalls usually begin) the river flows through soft, sandy limestone that make up the Coastal Plain. For 200 miles the river is free flowing and wild. The Flint River is one of only 42 U.S. rivers with 124 miles or more of unimpeded(not slowed) flow.



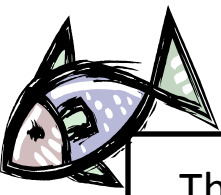
The Creek Indian name for the river was Thronateeska, which meant flint-picking-up place. Flint is a hard form of rock and was used for making arrowheads or spear points. It was highly valued. The name comes from the Creek word ronoto, which means flint, and hachi, which means stream.

1. **Underline the sentence** that tells where the river begins.
2. What is a Fall Line? _____
3. What region does the upper portion of the river flow through?

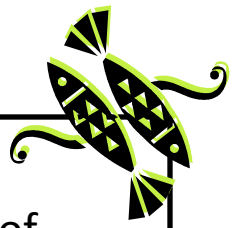
4. **Draw a box** around the Creek name for the Flint river.
5. What is flint? _____
6. Name 2 ways the Creek Indians used flint. _____

7. Why do you think the Creek Indians valued flint so much?

Name: _____

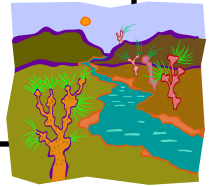


Savannah River



The Savannah River begins as a stream in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Savannah River forms most of the border between the states of South Carolina and Georgia. It is around 301 miles long. Two major cities are located along the river, Savannah, Georgia, and Augusta, Georgia. They were the central part of English Settlements in early Georgia history. The river eventually flows into the Atlantic Ocean. In 1733, James Oglethorpe built the first Georgia settlement in Savannah.

Savannah means “River of the Shawnees,” named after the remaining part of the Shawnee Indian tribe that lived on the river in early Colonial days. Today it is one of Georgia’s largest and longest waterways.



1. **Underline** the sentence that tells where the river begins.
2. The Savannah river forms the border of what 2 states.

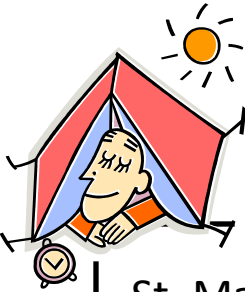
3. How long is the river? **Draw a box** around the answer.

4. Name 2 major cities located on the river. _____

5. Who built the first Georgia settlement? _____

6. Why do you think the first settlement was formed near the Savannah River? _____

Name: _____



St. Marys River



St. Marys River begins as a tiny stream in the Okefenokee Swamp and forms part of the border between Georgia and Florida. It empties into the Atlantic Ocean. The river is used mainly for recreation and sightseeing purposes.

Camping, canoeing, fishing, and boating are a few of the ways that the river is used for recreation. More than 65 different species of fish have been identified in the river.

St. Marys River is named after a Spanish mission, Santa Maria de Guadeloupe, located near the river. The river was home to early Spanish settlers and it has been said that it was the location for some pirate activity. The Indian name for the river is Thalthlothaguphka, which means rotten fish.



1. **Underline** the sentence that tells how and where the river begins.
2. The river forms part of the borders of _____ and _____.
3. **Draw a box** around where the river empties.
4. Name 2 ways the river is used. _____

5. How many species of fish can be found in the river?

6. What is the river named after? _____

Name: _____