

Georgia Day Video

Classroom Discussion Guide



I. Who was James Oglethorpe and what was his vision for Georgia?

- Oglethorpe gained national attention from his efforts to reform England's prison system. Oglethorpe believed that England's **worthy poor** could be transformed into production colonists. Who were the **worthy poor** and why would they need to leave Great Britain to start over?

2. The colony of Georgia was founded on February 12, 1733 by the Georgia Trustees.

- How was their intent similar to or different from the ideas of those who established the other British colonies in North America?
- Was Oglethorpe's and the Trustee's vision of Georgia actualized?

3. Oglethorpe was the only one of the Trustees to ever visit the Georgia colony. The colony was founded on the Yamacraw Bluff where the Yamacraw Indians lived.

- Who was Chief Tomchichi and what was his role in the success of the colony?

4. Oglethorpe led the efforts on the construction of the city of Savannah.

- [Oglethorpe and Savannah's City Plan](#)
- Downtown Savannah is a series of squares and laid out the streets in a grid pattern. Many of these squares and streets survive today. Why would city planners be drawn to this plan?



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5. Oglethorpe befriended Mary Musgrove of the Creek Indians.
 - Why would it have been important for Oglethorpe to befriend Mary Musgrove. What was her role in the success of the colony?
6. Oglethorpe came to the colony with no formal title aside from Trustee. Oglethorpe was unable to hold the position of governor, but due to his leadership he is often referred to as Georgia's first governor. There were those who opposed Oglethorpe and the Trustees, the Malcontents.
 - Who were the Malcontents and why were they unhappy with Oglethorpe and the Trustee's policies?
 - What were the results of the Malcontents protests?
7. The Georgia colony served an additional purpose as a military buffer between Spanish Florida and the British colonies.
 - [Oglethorpe and Defending the Colony](#)
 - Oglethorpe led troops to secure the border between Georgia and Florida. Where did they go and what was the outcome?
8. The Trustees motto "**Non sibi sed aliis**" means "**Not for self, but for others.**"
 - In what way did Oglethorpe and the Georgia Trustees live up to their motto?
 - In what ways could the Trustees have done better?

