



Standards-Based Field Trips for High School

Language Arts (Georgia ELA GSE) **Literature, Author Studies & Storytelling**

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-10RL1–10, ELAGSE11-12RL1–10

Skills: Literary analysis, theme, characterization, historical context

Margaret Mitchell House (Atlanta)

- Connects to: American literature, Southern Gothic, author's craft
- Activity: Analyze *Gone With the Wind* in context; explore writing process archives.

The Wren's Nest – Joel Chandler Harris Home

- Connects to: Folklore, narrative structure, cultural storytelling
- Activity: Study character types, oral traditions, and frame narratives.

Shakespeare Tavern Playhouse

- Connects to: Shakespearean drama, performance analysis
- Activity: Attend a live play; compare text vs. performance (ELAGSE Speaking/Listening).

Journalism, Media Literacy & Argumentative Writing

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-12RI, ELAGSE9-12W1, ELAGSE9-12SL

Skills: Evaluating evidence, analyzing media, persuasive writing

CNN Center Tour (Downtown Atlanta)

- Media literacy, bias, informational text analysis
- Activity: Students evaluate the role of journalism in shaping public narratives.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) – newsroom visit/workshop

- Connects to: Real-world informational texts
- Activity: Write an editorial; evaluate credibility and sourcing.

Writing Workshops & Creative Expression

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-12W3, W4, W5

Skills: Writing process, revision, narrative craft

Georgia Center for the Book (Decatur)

- Readings and workshops with Georgia authors.

Alliance Theatre (Atlanta)

- Playwriting and creative writing workshops
- Activity: Adapt a scene from a novel to script form.

SCAD FASH Museum (Midtown)

- Visual literacy → descriptive, narrative, or analytical writing
- Activity: Students create ekphrastic writing based on gallery exhibits.

Research, Primary Sources & Informational Texts

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-12RI1–10, W7–W9

Skills: Research, synthesizing sources, evaluating evidence

Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture & History

- Perfect for historical context research for literature studies
- Activity: Students develop annotated bibliographies on literary topics.

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights

- Informational text, rhetoric, nonfiction
- Activity: Rhetorical analysis of speeches and letters (e.g., MLK's "Letter from Birmingham Jail").

Atlanta History Center

- Archives, primary sources, historical exhibits
- Activity: Research project on local history to support literature like *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *A Lesson Before Dying*, etc.

Drama, Performance & Public Speaking

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-12SL1–4, RL4–RL7

Skills: Performance analysis, speaking & listening, interpretation

Fox Theatre (Atlanta) – Behind the Scenes Tour

- Connects to theatre history and performance studies
- Activity: Analyze staging, dramatic elements, and theme.

Center for Puppetry Arts

- Modern storytelling, visual narratives
- Activity: Reimagining texts through multimedia performance.

Multimodal & Visual Literacy

ELA Standards: ELAGSE9-12RL7, RI7, SL2

Skills: Analyzing media, integrating text and visuals

High Museum of Art (Atlanta)

- Art analysis supports thematic and rhetorical understanding
- Activity: Visual-textual pairing projects; students write interpretive essays.

Cultural, Social, and Historical Context for Literature

ELA Standards: RL9-12.6, RI9-12.6

Skills: Point of view, cultural context, author perspective

Sweet Auburn Historic District

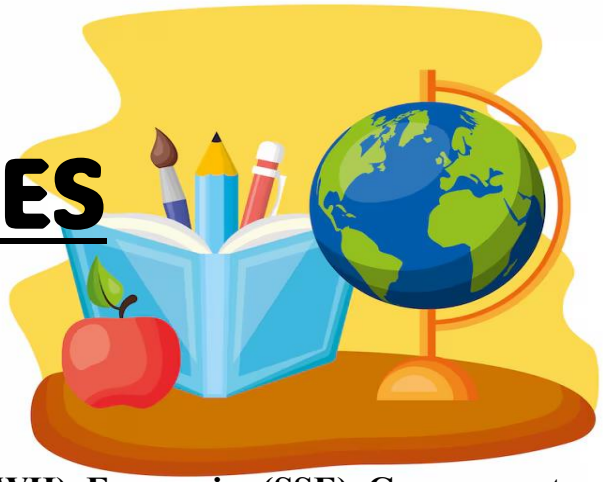
- Context for African American literature and Harlem Renaissance themes.

Herndon Home Museum

- Connects to themes: entrepreneurship, race, social mobility in literature.

SOCIAL STUDIES

FIELD TRIPS



Aligned Standards:

U.S. History (SSUSH), World History (SSWH), Economics (SSE), Government (SSCG), Georgia Studies (SS8H/CG)

Civil Rights & African American History

- **National Center for Civil and Human Rights**
 - SSUSH21–23, SS8H11 (Civil Rights, Human Rights)
- **Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park**
 - SSUSH21–23, SS8H11
- **College Campuses**
 - Morehouse College
 - Spelman College
 - Morris Brown College
 - Clark Atlanta University
 - Savannah State University

Georgia & U.S. History

- **Atlanta History Center**
 - SSUSH9–SUUSH11 (Civil War & Reconstruction)
 - SSUSH14–SSUSH20 (20th Century)
- **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**
 - SSUSH9, Civil War history
- **Centennial Olympic Park**
- **Sweet Auburn Historic District**
 - Context for African American literature and Harlem Renaissance themes.
- **Herndon Home Museum**
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- **Stone Mountain Park**
- **Savannah History Center**
- **Historic River Street (Savannah, Georgia)**

Civics/Government & Geography

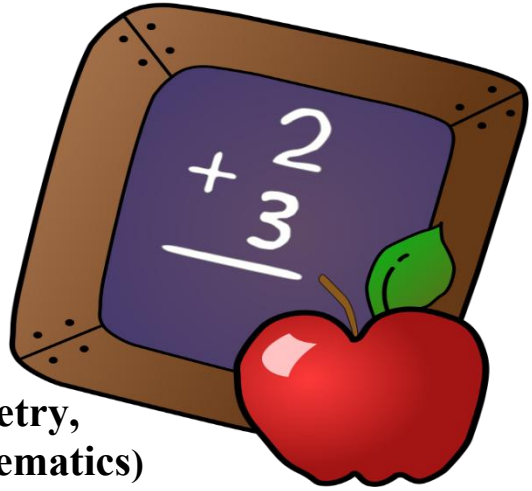
- **Georgia State Capitol**
 - SSCG1–SSCG10 (citizenship, legislation)
- **Jimmy Carter Presidential Library**
 - SSUSH24–25 (Modern presidency)
- **Georgia Low Country/ Sea Islands**
- **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**
- **Atlanta Botanical Garden**
 - Horticulture, biotechnology
- **UGA Extension / Local Farms (e.g., Chattahoochee Nature Center Farm)**
 - Sustainable agriculture, environmental agriculture careers

Economics & Financial Literacy

- **The World of Coca-Cola**
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Monetary Museum)**
 - SSEMA1–SSEMA4 (Federal Reserve, money supply)
- **Junior Achievement Discovery Center (Gwinnett/Cobb)**
 - Personal finance & entrepreneurship standards
- **The Historical Auburn Avenue**

MATHEMATICS

FIELD TRIPS



Aligned Standards: Algebra I/II, Geometry, Precalculus, Statistics (GSE 9–12 Mathematics)

Real-World Data, Measurement & Modeling

- **Truist Park (Atlanta Braves Stadium Tour)**
 - Geometry, statistics, engineering measurements
- **Mercedes-Benz Stadium Tour**
 - Geometry of design, structural engineering calculations

STEM + Math Integration

- **Fernbank Science Center**
 - Math in astronomy, measurement, data analysis
- **Georgia Tech STEM Tours**
 - Applied mathematics in engineering, computer science

Probability & Statistics

- **Atlanta Botanical Garden**
 - Population growth modeling, data collection in ecosystems
- **Zoo Atlanta**
 - Probability, ratios, and data science in animal studies

Architecture & Geometry

- **High Museum of Art – Architecture Tour**
 - Symmetry, transformations, proportion & scale
- **Swan House at Atlanta History Center**
 - Classical geometry in architectural design



SCIENCE FIELD TRIPS

**Aligned Standards: Biology, Chemistry, Physics,
Environmental Science, Anatomy & Physiology**

Life Science (Biology)

- **Zoo Atlanta**
 - SB1–SB6 (genetics, evolution, ecology)
- **Georgia Aquarium**
 - Marine biology, ecosystems, biodiversity

Earth & Environmental Science

- **Fernbank Museum of Natural History**
 - Evolution, geology, climate science
- **Elachee Nature Science Center (Gainesville)**
 - Watersheds, ecosystems, conservation (SEV1–SEV5)

Physical Science, Chemistry & Physics

- **Tellus Science Museum (Cartersville)**
 - Chemistry labs, mineralogy, astronomy
- **Georgia Tech College of Engineering**
 - Applied physics, materials science

Health & Anatomy

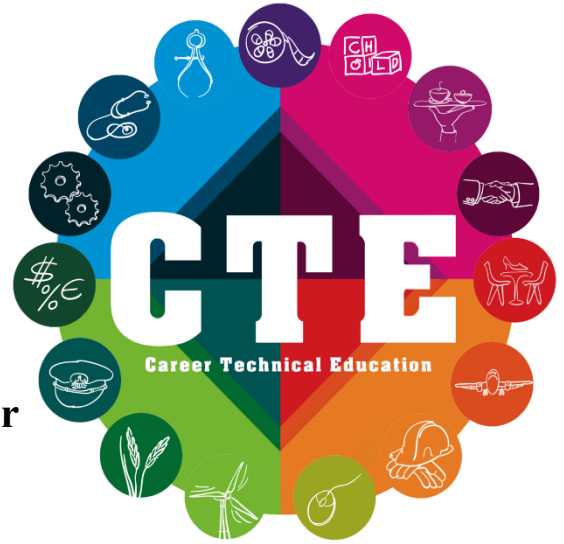
- **Bodies: The Exhibition (if available)**
 - Organ systems, physiology align with A&P standards
- **CDC Museum**
 - Infectious disease, public health, epidemiology

CTAE (Career, Technical & Agricultural Education) FIELD TRIPS

Aligned Clusters:

STEM & Engineering

- **Lockheed Martin Marietta Plant**
 - Aerospace engineering pathways
- **Georgia Power Energy Education Center**
 - Energy systems, electrical pathways
- **Six Flags over Georgia**
 - Logistics and configurations of theme park rides



Health/ PE

- **Emory University School of Medicine**
 - Medical careers & research
- **CDC Headquarters (Museum + Lab Careers Session)**
 - Epidemiology, public health careers
- **Sports Exhibits: Football Home of Frame**

Film, Media & Journalism

- **Tyler Perry Studios (Educational Tours when available)**
 - Film production, set design
- **WSB-TV / CNN Studio Tours**
 - Broadcasting, journalism pathways
- **The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) – newsroom visit/workshop**
 - Connects to: Real-world informational texts
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Business, Finance, & Marketing

- **Chick-fil-A Corporate Headquarters**
 - Entrepreneurship, business operations
- **Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**
 - Finance, economics, banking careers
- **The World of Coca-Cola**

Agriculture & Environmental Systems

- **Atlanta Botanical Garden**
 - Horticulture, biotechnology
- **UGA Extension / Local Farms (e.g., Chattahoochee Nature Center Farm)**
 - Sustainable agriculture, environmental agriculture careers

Hospitality & Culinary Arts

- **Local hotels (Hyatt, Marriott) – Hospitality Tours**
 - Event management & hotel operations
- **The Cook's Warehouse or Local Culinary Schools**
 - Culinary demonstrations and food science
- **Fine Dining Restaurants**
- **Food Festivals**
- **The Georgia State Fair**