

**Augusta Canal Interpretive Center
Field Trip Anticipation Guide
On-Site Student Worksheet 4-5 A**

In small groups, read the statements below. Mark the statements **T** or **F** in the column labeled **Me** based on what you think. Then, find the exhibits that have color-coded section markers to research the answers. Study the exhibits and compare your answers with the new information you find. Place a check in the column labeled **Exhibit** if the statement is true. Put an "X" next to false statements.

Section 1 Red – Before the Canal

Me	Exhibit
_____ 1. The Petersburg boatmen delivered corn, flour, and tobacco to settlements along the Savannah River.	_____
_____ 2. In 1837, Augusta was a prosperous and growing city.	_____
_____ 3. Henry Cumming believed a canal would help Augusta grow by providing a source of water, power, and transportation.	_____

Section 2 Orange – Building the Canal

Me	Exhibit
_____ 1. In 1845, slaves, freedmen, local white laborers, and Irish Immigrants used steam shovels and large cranes to dig the first level of the canal.	_____
_____ 2. William Phillips and John Edgar Thompson were hired by the Canal Board of Commissioners to begin the canal's construction.	_____

Section 3 Yellow – The Heart of the Confederacy

Me	Exhibit
_____ 1. The Civil War caused most of the factories along the Augusta Canal to be shut down and very few goods were produced.	_____
_____ 2. The Powderworks supplied 12 million pounds of gun powder during the Civil War.	_____
_____ 3. Augusta campaigned to be the Capital of the Confederacy at the beginning of the Civil War.	_____

Section 4 Green – How the Canal Works

Me

Exhibit

- _____ 1. The Augusta Canal works because it was built nearly level and the Savannah River drops 52 feet in elevation. _____
- _____ 2. Water diverted from the Savannah River flows into the first level of the canal at the diversion dam and locks. _____

Section 5 Blue – Mills & Boom Times

Me

Exhibit

- _____ 1. In 1846 Augusta Canal's builders were proud to be making it big enough for more mills because Augustans wanted to build in the New South. _____
- _____ 2. By the late 19th century, Augusta was an industrial leader and the New South was diverting business from the north. _____

Section 6 Indigo – Hydroelectricity & The Canal

Me

Exhibit

- _____ 1. Many Augustans were frightened by hydroelectric power and angry that gas lamps were taken down. _____
- _____ 2. The Enterprise Mill is an old textile mill that still makes both cloth and electricity or hydropower today. _____

Section 7 Violet – The Weaver's Job/From Cotton to Cloth

Me

Exhibit

- _____ 1. Many mill workers wanted to be a weaver because it was a better paying job. _____
- _____ 2. It was better to be short as a weaver so one could reach under the machine. _____
- _____ 3. One of the five steps of making cotton into cloth is shedding. _____