

The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
Pre-visit and On-site
Field Anticipation Guide/Student Worksheet 6-8 A

In the Column labeled **Me**, place a check next to any statement you think is true. After viewing each section of the exhibit and reading panels, compare your answers with the new information you find. Place a check in the column labeled **Exhibit** if the statement is true. Place an X by statements that are false.

Section 1 – Before the Canal

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

Section 2 – Building the Canal

Me	Exhibit
_____ 1.) William Phillips and John Edgar Thomson were hired by the Augusta Canal Authority to begin the Canal's construction.	_____
_____ 2.) In 1845, slaves, freedmen and laborers used steam shovels and large cranes to dig the first level of the canal.	_____
_____ 3.) All the citizens of Augusta believed the canal project was a good idea and they were glad to help pay for it.	_____
_____ 4.) During the 1870s the Augusta Canal was enlarged and many new factories opened or expanded along its banks.	_____
_____ 5.) The Civil War caused most of the factories along the Augusta Canal to be shut down and very few goods were produced.	_____

Section 3 – Hydroelectricity

Me	Exhibit
_____ 1.) Downtown Augusta glowed with electricity and people rushed to install electricity in their homes during the 1890s.	_____
_____ 2.) Electric street cars replaced gasoline powered buses at the turn of the 20 th Century.	_____
_____ 3.) The enterprise Mill was the first mill in Augusta to install its own hydro-electric power plant.	_____

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Section 4 – Life of the People

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_____ 1.) People paid 50 cents to ride up and down the Augusta Canal.	_____
_____ 2.) Women, children and men moved to Augusta to find work in the factories and a better way of life.	_____
_____ 3.) Working conditions in the mills and factories were safe and clean.	_____
_____ 4.) Strikes at the Augusta textile mills resulted in immediate pay raises and better work conditions for the workers.	_____

Section 5 – Entering the 20th Century

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_____ 1.) During the early 1900s, floods and a volcanic eruption destroyed parts of Augusta.	_____
_____ 2.) The National Industrial recovery Act stopped the practice of employing children to work in the mills as doffers, sweepers, and other jobs.	_____
_____ 3.) Cheap electric power, which didn't depend on waterpower allowed some mills to leave the Augusta Canal and move to other places.	_____

Fall Line Importance

West of Augusta the highlands of the Piedmont meet the lowlands of the Coastal Plain at a place called the Fall Line. This Fall Line was the Atlantic Ocean's shoreline approximately 250 million years ago. At the Fall Line, the Savannah River is very rocky and shallow. It is possible to walk across the river at the Fall Line and difficult to go up and down in a boat.

1. In the space below keep a tally of how many times you see or hear the words "Fall Line" during your visit.

2. Based on the number of times the Fall Line is mentioned, how important do you think it was to the development of Augusta?