



## New Georgia Encyclopedia Fact Sheet

The New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE) is the nation's first born-digital state encyclopedia. Created by Georgia Humanities in partnership with the University of Georgia Press, the University System of Georgia/GALILEO, and the Office of the Governor, the NGE covers significant aspects of Georgia's history and culture, including the arts and literature, business and industry, counties and cities, education, geography and the environment, government and politics, history and archaeology, science and medicine, and sports and outdoor recreation.

Online since 2004, the NGE engages students, journalists, tourists, and the general public with authoritative content on the state of Georgia. The encyclopedia is used regularly in college classrooms around the state and forms a critical component of the eighth-grade curriculum for Georgia Studies. Educators have cited the NGE's greater informational depth and context as catalysts for higher student test scores and improved teaching skills.

### Content and Features

- more than 2,200 entries, fully vetted and fact checked
- rich multimedia, including nearly 9,000 images as well as audio and video assets
- extensive linking to Georgia's robust digital resources, including those of Digital Library of Georgia, Civil Rights Digital Library, Georgia Archives, and statewide university archives
- online exhibitions in partnership with state museums and archives
- digital home for Georgia's State Art Collection, in partnership with Georgia Council for the Arts
- educator resources aligned to the Georgia Performance Standards
- average of 700,000 page views per month

### Selected Awards and Milestones

- **2015** Named one of NEH's top projects of the past fifty years
- **2013** Launch of completely redesigned site, with major funding provided by the Woodruff Foundation
- **2010** Awarded Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize for Public Humanities Programs for the Civil Rights Digital Library by the Federation of State Humanities Councils
- **2007** Received Leadership in History Award from the American Association for State and Local History
- **2006** Awarded History in the Media Award by the Georgia Historical Society
- **2005** Awarded Helen and Martin Schwartz Prize for Public Humanities Programs by the Federation of State Humanities Councils  
Awarded "Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History" by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board
- **2004** Named Best Reference Source on the Web by *Library Journal*  
Launch of site on February 12 (Georgia Day) at the Georgia state capitol