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## South Carolina Becomes a State

South Carolina is the smallest state in the area of the United States referred to as the Deep South. It is an important farming and manufacturing state. It is one of the most important states in the growth of tobacco and also in the manufacturing of textiles. Known for its beauty and reminders of life before the Civil War, South Carolina is also known for its current contributions to the nation. There is a major United States Marine training center located in South Carolina as well as major manufacturing plants for chemicals and transportation equipment. South Carolina also ranks high in the list of textile-producing states. South Carolina is an interesting mixture of the old and new, with major manufacturing plants throughout the state along with areas of beautiful buildings still standing that were built before the Civil War. Many famous people are from South Carolina, including Francis Marion, John C. Calhoun, Strom Thurmond, Althea Gibson, William Westmoreland, Charles Pinckney, Mary McLeod Bethune, and James Longstreet.

Look at the map of South Carolina below. Label the capital of South Carolina. Locate the cities of Beaufort, Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Rock Hill, Greenville, Aiken, Lake City, Marion, Anderson, Spartanburg, Lancaster, Walterboro, and Orangeburg, and label them on the map. Now label the Blue Ridge Mountains, Sassafras Mountain, Kings Mountain, Glassy Mountain, Paris Mountain, Table Rock Mountain, and Parson's Mountain. Also, locate the Santee River, Pee Dee River, Savannah River, Broad River, Saluda River, Combahee River, Edisto River, Ashley River, Cooper River, Lake Marion, Hartwell Lake, and J. Strom Thurmond Lake, and label them. Lastly, label the states or bodies of water that border South Carolina. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of South Carolina history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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12. The first woman governor of South Carolina is elected
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