Modern Georgia
Progress for Civil Rights, But Still Some Civil Wrongs

- **The County Unit System:**
  - System of allotting and counting the number of votes according to county, NOT according to population

- **Georgia = 159 Counties**
  - 3 Categories: Urban, Town, Rural
  - Urban Counties = Top 8 most populous
  - Town Counties = Next 30 most populous
  - Rural Counties = 121 remaining

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  159 Total
More populated areas were getting less votes.
So…… what should we conclude?

- The County Unit System was unfair.

- So, in April 1962 the U.S. Supreme Court said that favoring one group over another through voting was illegal, violating the 14th amendment. They used the saying “one man, one vote” which meant that every person’s vote should count equally.

- In order to accomplish this, however, the state would have to redo how they allotted votes.
COUNTY UNIT SYSTEM

“ONE MAN, ONE VOTE”
Current Districts

• The government decided to throw out the county unit system altogether and redraw or **reapportion** the voting districts to ensure that districts were of equal population size.

• These are the districts we have today →
County Unit

- Which area on the map would have been likely to benefit MOST from the County Unit System?

4- around Toombs county—would have benefitted more than any of the others on the map, which mark the most densely populated areas in the state. "1" represents Columbus, "2" Atlanta, and 3 "Athens." The County Unit System is no longer used.
Rise of the Two Party System

ONE PARTY SYSTEM 1877 – 1970

Conservative Democrats controlled Georgia politics
• White supremacy, County Unit System, disenfranchisement
  of blacks (white primaries, poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clause, KKK
  intimidation), and Jim Crow laws once preserved conservative Democrat rural
  power in state politics

TWO PARTY SYSTEM 1970 – PRESENT

In the gubernatorial election of 1966, the Republican Party seriously
challenged the Democrats domination of Georgia politics for the first time in more
than fifty years.

Conservative Republicans and Liberal Democrats now share power
• White supremacy decreased, equal opportunity increased
• Standard of living has increased for all Georgians
Why the Change?

1860 Republican Abraham Lincoln elected

1870 15th Amendment gave blacks rights to vote

1936 Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt elected

1976 Democrat Jimmy Carter becomes president largely because of Georgia voters

Why Did African Americans vote for him?
**Compare to Georgia**

1870’s-2003
All Georgia Governors were Democrats

2003
Republican Governor Sonny Perdue Elected

2011
Republican Governor Nathan Deal Elected
**Georgia State Senator and Governor:**
- Jimmy became a senator in 1962 and was reelected in 1964. Carter spent much of his time in the state Senate trying to **improve education for Georgia students**. He was later the Chair of the Education Committee while the state was struggling to comply with integration of schools.
- January 1971 he became governor of GA
  - Jimmy Carter was governor of Georgia from 1971-1975. He was DIFFERENT from previous governors because he strongly supported desegregation. He supported Civil Rights and reorganized the government.

**President: Only person from Georgia to ever be president of the U.S. (one term)**
- Nov. 1976 he is elected president; presented himself as a Washington outsider
- Reputation struggled due to some scandal involving his friend and brother and his economic policies for the U.S.
- But his international work as president was mostly successful
  - Panama Canal Treaty
  - Created the Department of Education
  - Camp David Accords - Peace between Egypt and Israel
  - The Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty, 1979
  - The Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT II), 1979 (Treaty with Soviet Union to limit nuclear manufacturing)

- Carter defeated by Reagan when he ran for reelection as President in 1980
Post Presidency:

- After his presidency he returned to Georgia and began working as a humanitarian by establishing The Carter Center which is an organization that works in association with Emory University to research issues around the world to promote peace and health for people of all nations.

- Acted as a diplomat

- 2002 got the Nobel Peace Prize for his humanitarian efforts and his continuing effort to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts and to advance democracy and human rights.

- Worked for Habitat for Humanity
Peanut Farmer
Early Life

Georgia Senator
1962-1970

Georgia Governor
1971-1975
Civil Rights Leader

Andrew Young

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Wife
The President's Diary
- Guinea Worms
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu3z7mRyLRC](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nu3z7mRyLRC)
- North Korea
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wIu6x0n1Kw&feature=fvst](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wIu6x0n1Kw&feature=fvst)
- Ethiopia
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2fobw6HPrnQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2fobw6HPrnQ)
- Cuba
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWhdHtIh_AI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWhdHtIh_AI)
- Habitat for Humanity
  - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-jRoivGvbI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-jRoivGvbI)
Jimmy Carter Travels the World After 1980

The World Comes to Georgia In 1996

Atlanta 1996
The World Comes to Georgia

- Atlanta hosted the 1996 Olympic Games
- Four benefits to the state
  - Millions were spent to get the state ready and build the facilities needed. The facilities still serve Atlanta. For example, Centenial Stadium became Turner Field to house the braves
  - Brought international recognition to Atlanta
  - Created jobs for the state – some volunteer programs, educational and training programs
  - Brought millions of dollars into the state
Negative Side to Olympics

- Bombing – July 29, 1996 at Centennial Olympic Park killed one and injured 117 – many doubted if Atlanta could keep its visitors safe
- Traffic was horrible around the city and the world news talked about Atlanta’s lack of infrastructure
- Criticism about the large number of street vendors and the commercialism of the games – especially by Coca Cola – a main sponsor
Immigrants Come to GA
New Immigrant Communities

- Many people from Mexico and Latin America have moved into Northwest Georgia to fill jobs in the carpet industry.
- There is a large Hispanic population on the Gainesville area due to the need for workers in the poultry industry.
- In south Georgia migrant workers fill schools and swell the population when it is harvest time for Vidalia onions.
- Along with these immigrants come business specifically to meet their needs.
- America still offers immigrants a better way of life and increased economic opportunities for immigrants. Most immigrants believe that through hard work and determination, any United States immigrant can achieve a better life, usually in terms of financial prosperity and enhanced personal freedoms. Georgia’s immigrant population is very important to our state’s economic growth.
Ending the Spread of the Guinea Worm in Africa
Habitat for Humanity (Building Homes) in China
Habitat for Humanity (Building Homes) in Thailand
Habitat for Humanity (Building Homes) in Cambodia
Habitat for Humanity (Building Homes) in Vietnam
Habitat for Humanity (Building Homes) in India
As you find the places around the world where The Carter Center has worked place a star on that place on your map. Make sure you get all of the stars. You should have in 9 in all!