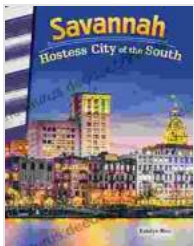# Hostess City of the South: A Social Studies Readers Guide to Savannah, Georgia

Nestled along the banks of the Savannah River, the charming city of Savannah, Georgia, is a captivating destination that embodies the rich tapestry of the American South. Known as the "Hostess City of the South," Savannah exudes a unique blend of history, culture, and hospitality that has captivated visitors for centuries.

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This comprehensive social studies reader invites you to embark on a journey through time, exploring Savannah's fascinating story from its humble beginnings to its pivotal role in shaping the American South. Through engaging text, captivating images, and thought-provoking activities, this guide will provide students with an in-depth understanding of Savannah's significance in American history, culture, and society.

The Founding of Savannah

Savannah was founded in 1733 by James Oglethorpe, a British general and philanthropist. Oglethorpe envisioned Savannah as a safe haven for debtors and persecuted Protestants. He established the city with a unique set of regulations, known as the "Savannah Plan," which aimed to create an egalitarian and prosperous society.

Savannah quickly grew into a thriving colonial port city, becoming a major center for trade and commerce. It was during this period that Savannah developed its distinctive architectural style, characterized by elegant mansions adorned with intricate ironwork.
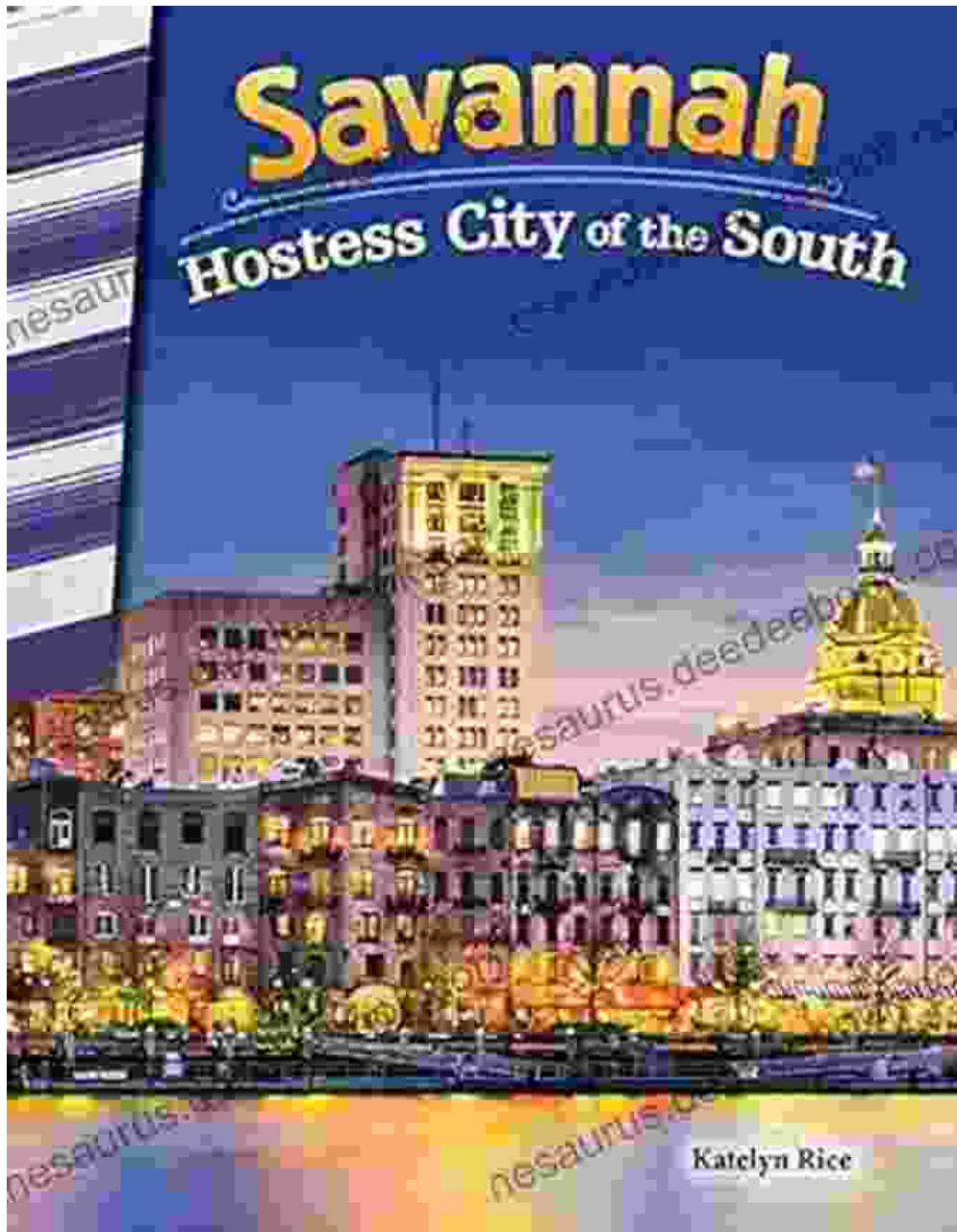
Savannah in the American Revolution

Savannah played a pivotal role in the American Revolution. In 1778, British forces captured the city, making it a strategic stronghold for the British Army. The Battle of Savannah, fought in October 1779, was a major turning point in the war, as it gave the British control over the entire state of Georgia.

Despite the British occupation, Savannah remained a hotbed of Patriot activity. Many residents secretly supported the American cause, and the city served as a base for American privateers and spies.

Savannah in the Antebellum South

After the American Revolution, Savannah emerged as a major economic center in the Antebellum South. The city's cotton plantations and thriving maritime trade made it one of the wealthiest cities in the United States.

However, Savannah was also a deeply divided city during this period. The institution of slavery cast a long shadow over the city, and racial tensions

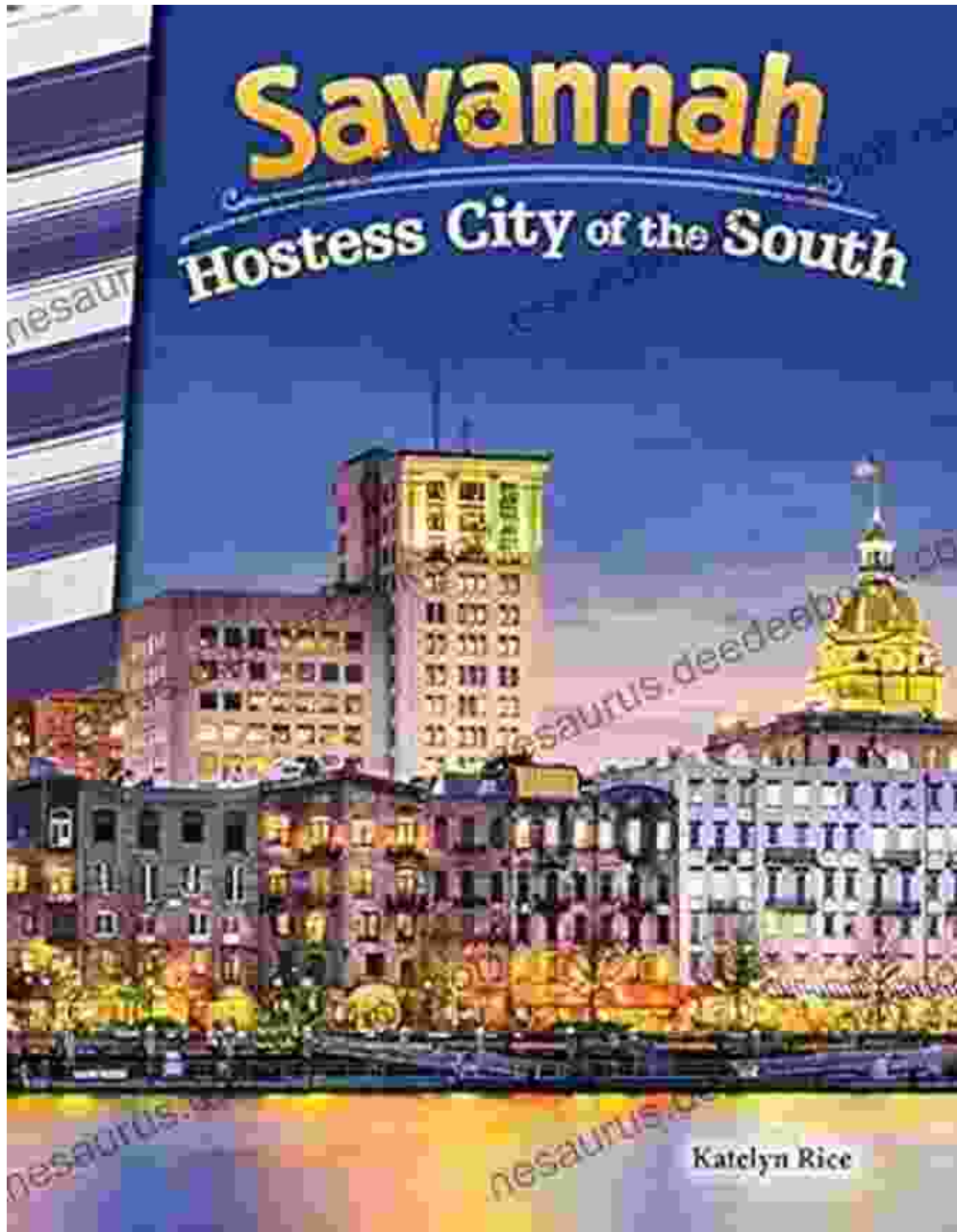simmered just beneath the surface.

Savannah During the Civil War

The outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 brought Savannah to a standstill. The city's economy collapsed, and many residents fled. Savannah was eventually captured by Union forces in December 1864, marking the end of the Confederacy's control of the city.

The Civil War had a devastating impact on Savannah. The city's infrastructure was destroyed, and its economy was in ruins. Reconstruction was a slow and painful process, and it took decades for Savannah to recover from the war.

Savannah in the 20th Century

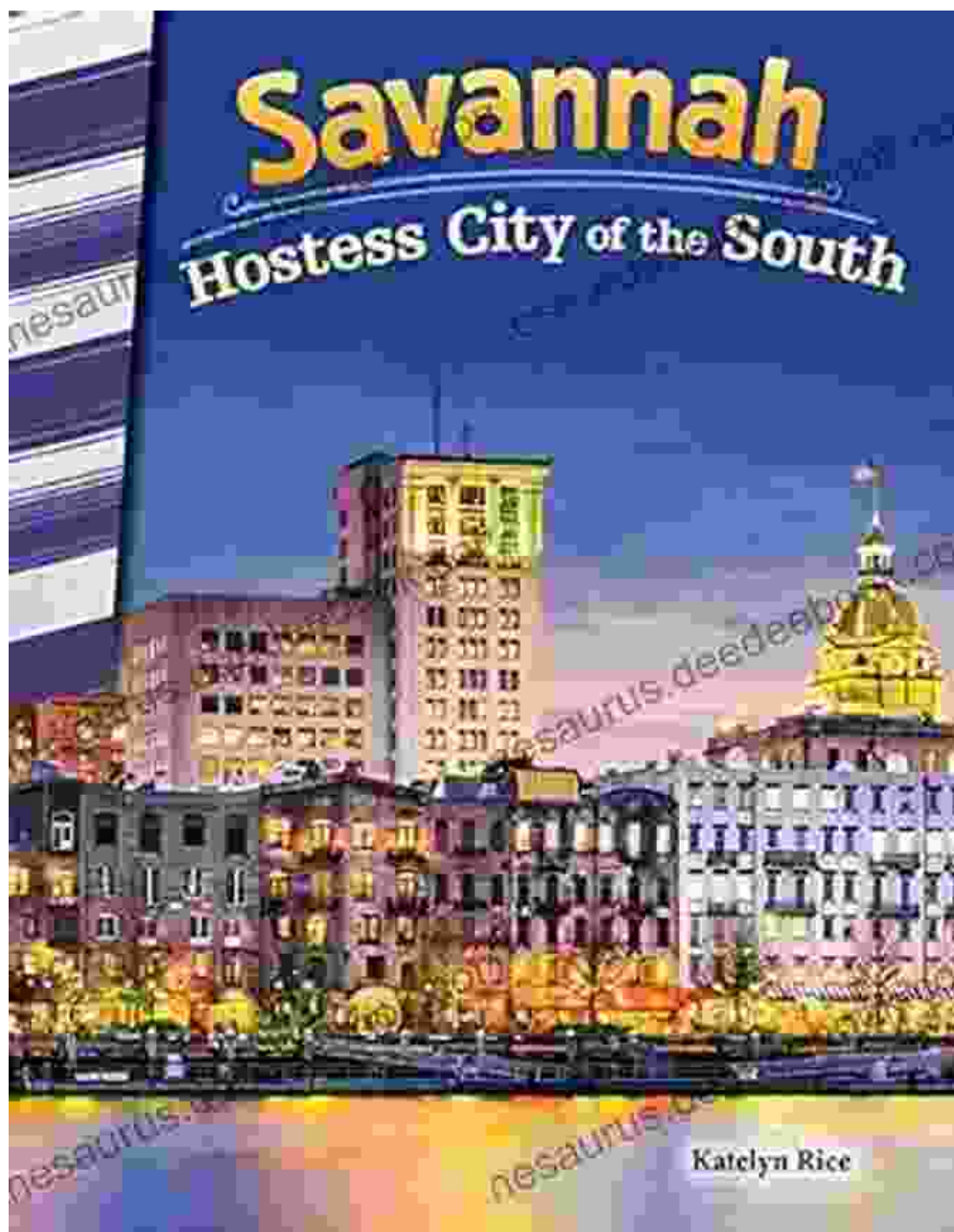**Savannah**

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The 20th century brought about significant changes for Savannah. The city's economy diversified, and it became a major tourist destination. Savannah's historic architecture and charming atmosphere attracted visitors from around the world.

Savannah also played a significant role in the Civil Rights Movement. In 1964, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech

in Savannah's Forsyth Park. The city remains a vibrant center of African-American culture and history.
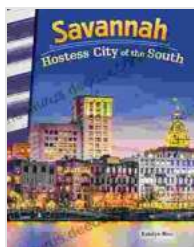
Savannah Today

Today, Savannah is a thriving city with a population of over 150,000 people. It is a major cultural and economic center for the South, and it is home to a number of colleges and universities.

Savannah is also a popular tourist destination, attracting millions of visitors each year. The city's historic architecture, vibrant arts scene, and delicious cuisine make it a must-see for travelers from around the world.

Savannah, Georgia, is a city with a rich and fascinating history that spans over three centuries. From its humble beginnings as a colonial port city to its pivotal role in the American Revolution, the Antebellum South, and the Civil War, Savannah has played a significant part in shaping the American South.

Today, Savannah is a thriving city that celebrates its unique blend of history, culture, and hospitality. It is a city that has something to offer everyone, from its stunning architecture and vibrant arts scene to its delicious cuisine and welcoming atmosphere.

This social studies reader has provided just a brief overview of Savannah's rich history and culture. We encourage you to explore this captivating city further and discover all that it has to offer.

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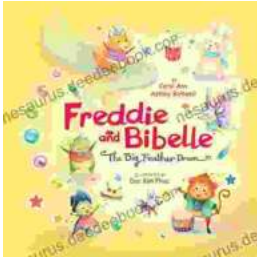
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