

Hernando De Soto

History is made up of stories, some based in fact, some come from legend, and others are combination of the two.

A **fact** is a "thing that is known or proved to be true." There is evidence that supports the story.

A **legend** is a traditional story told about a particular place or person, and can include elements of folklore, mythology or explanations for natural occurrences.

In the case of Hernando De Soto, it's difficult to decipher fact from legend. Much of what is known comes from the writings of De Soto's men and has been romanticized. Little to no written evidence was left by the indigenous people.

Explore the primary and secondary sources listed to the right and make a list of some facts and legends surrounding the story of Hernando De Soto.

Florida, with the march of Hernando De Soto, 1539-1544. Public Domain. New York Public Library.



Primary Sources

[A Narrative of the Expedition of Hernando De Soto](#)

[Florida with the march of De Soto and his men map](#)

Secondary Sources

[PBS World Explorers: Hernando De Soto](#)

[Hernando De Soto's Exploration to La Florida](#)

[Stories in the Soil](#)

Where did De Soto travel in Georgia?

There are several Georgia Historical Markers that highlight the journey of Hernando De Soto and his men as they moved through present day Georgia. Historians have used the most accurate evidence to create the De Soto Trail.

Visit each of the locations using the Georgia Historical Marker Database links. Based on what you learned with the previous resources, create your own map of these Georgia locations and note what you think De Soto did and learned at each of them.



De Soto in Georgia: Rome, Floyd County

De Soto in Georgia: Millidgeville, Baldwin County

De Soto in Georgia: Albany, Dougherty County

De Soto in Georgia: Macon, Bibb County

De Soto in Georgia: Augusta, Richmond County

De Soto in Georgia: Chatsworth, Murray County

Secondary Activity

Georgia Standards of Excellence

- Map & Globe Skills K-12: SSMGS8
- Information Processing Skills K-12: SSIPS1, 2, 4, 6
- Social Studies: SS8H1