



DETECTIVE'S JOURNAL

OBJECTIVES

- Why is it important to know the facts?
- What might happen if people believe in a legend without checking the facts?

WHAT ARE LEGENDS?

- Why do you think people exaggerate stories?
- How might learning the real facts about a legend change the way people see Georgia's history?

COMMON LEGENDS OF DE SOTO

- Do any of the stories here sound like tall tales?
- What kinds of evidence would you look for to confirm or disprove the legends about de Soto?

THE LIFE OF DE SOTO

- How did de Soto's upbringing and culture affect his expedition?
- What clues from de Soto's actions and decisions might help us separate historical facts from legends about his expedition?

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALBANY

- How does Albany's story connect to De Soto's expedition?
- What evidence would you look for to determine if de Soto really camped in the area that is now Albany?

THE FACTS OF DE SOTO

- How did de Soto's expedition affect North America? Can we see those effects today?
- What kind of evidence would help historians understand the true impact of de Soto's expedition on Native American communities?

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