The Buffer Colony

• 1733
• Last of the 13 colonies
• Created to buffer colonies from Spanish Florida and French Louisiana and as outlet for British debtors
• Funded by crown
• Named for King George II
James Oglethorpe

Military leader and philanthropist, helped Georgia withstand attacks and debtors gain freedom
Savannah

German Lutherans, Scots-Highlanders helped it become a melting pot like Charles Town

Religious tolerance for Protestant groups only

Missionaries, including John Wesley (founder of Methodism) worked to convert debtors and Indians

Developed slowly due to ban on slavery (legalized in 1750), attacks from Spanish, hard climate