

# TODAY *in* GEORGIA HISTORY

## December 14, 1920: Charley Trippi Born Daily Activity

### Introduction:

The daily activities created for each of the *Today in Georgia History* segments are designed to meet the Georgia Performance Standards for Reading Across the Curriculum, and Grade Eight: Georgia Studies. For each date, educators can choose from three optional activities differentiated for various levels of student ability. Each activity focuses on engaging the student in context specific vocabulary and improving the student's ability to communicate about historical topics.

One suggestion is to use the *Today in Georgia History* video segments and daily activities as a "bell ringer" at the beginning of each class period. Using the same activity daily provides consistency and structure for the students and may help teachers utilize the first 15-20 minutes of class more effectively.

### Optional Activities:

**Level 1:** Provide the students with the vocabulary list and have them use their textbook, a dictionary, or other teacher provided materials to define each term. After watching the video, have the students write a complete sentence for each of the vocabulary terms. Student created sentences should reflect the meaning of the word based on the context of the video segment. Have students share a sampling of sentences as a way to check for understanding.

**Level 2:** Provide the students with the vocabulary list for that day's segment before watching the video and have them guess the meaning of each word based on their previous knowledge. The teacher may choose to let the students work alone or in groups. After watching the video, have the students revise their definitions to better reflect the meaning of the words based on the context of the video. As a final step, have the students compare and contrast their definitions to their textbook, dictionary or other teacher provided materials definitions.

**Level 3:** Provide the students with the vocabulary list and have them use their textbook, a dictionary, or other teacher provided materials to define each term. After watching the video, have the students write a five sentence paragraph based on the provided writing prompts.

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## Vocabulary/Writing Prompts:

### Vocabulary Terms

Scholarship  
Fearsome  
Backfields  
Stellar  
Gridiron

### Writing Prompts

1. What makes someone the best at something? Do you think good sportsmanship is an important part of being the best, or is it all about winning games? In a five-sentence paragraph, explain what criteria you would use to decide who is the all-time best football player.
2. Use your knowledge of American history to explain why a great football player like Charley Trippi would decide to take two years of his career and serve in World War II.
3. Charley Trippi caught the attention of a former Georgia Bulldog who then extended him a scholarship. In a five-sentence paragraph explain what qualities that former Bulldog may have seen in Charley Trippi that made him want to invest money in sending him to college. What qualities do you have that make you a good candidate for a scholarship?

## Related Georgia Performance Standards:

### Reading Across the Curriculum (Grades 6-12)

#### SSRC1 Students will enhance reading in all curriculum areas by:

- c. Building vocabulary knowledge
  - Demonstrate an understanding of contextual vocabulary in various subjects.
  - Use content vocabulary in writing and speaking.
  - Explore understanding of new words found in subject area texts.
- d. Establishing context
  - Explore life experiences related to subject area content.
  - Discuss in both writing and speaking how certain words are subject area related.
  - Determine strategies for finding content and contextual meaning for unknown words.

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**Grade 8 Georgia Studies**

**SS8H9 The student will describe the impact of World War II on Georgia’s development economically, socially, and politically.**

- a. Describe the impact of events leading up to American involvement in World War II; include Lend-Lease and the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- b. Evaluate the importance of Bell Aircraft, military bases, the Savannah and Brunswick shipyards, Richard Russell, and Carl Vinson.
- c. Explain the impact of the Holocaust on Georgians.
- d. Discuss President Roosevelt’s ties to Georgia including his visits to Warm Springs and his impact on the state.

**Physical Education**

**PE6.5, PE7.5, PE8.5:** Exhibits responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others in physical activity settings.