

**The Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
6-8 Anticipation Guide
Answer Key**

Section 1 – Before the Canal

- 1.) False. In 1837 Augusta had hit hard times.
- 2.) True
- 3.) True

Section 2 – Building the Canal

- 1.) False
- 2.) False. In 1845, slaves, freedmen and other laborers did not have steam shovels or large cranes to dig the canal. They worked by hand.
- 3.) False. Some Augusta citizens thought competing with industry in the North was foolish. They did not want to change their “plantation” way of life.
- 4.) True
- 5.) False. During the Civil War the number of manufacturers along the Augusta Canal doubled. The Confederate Powder Works was also constructed.

Section 3 – Hydroelectricity

- 1.) True
- 2.) False. Gasoline powered buses were not used until later in the 20th century.
- 3.) True

Section 4 – Life of the People

- 1.) True
- 2.) True
- 3.) False. Working conditions in the early mills were unsafe and unclean.
- 4.) False. The strikes in Augusta ended without management making any significant changes. Workers were evicted from their company owned, homes and the mills were temporarily shut down.

Section 5 – Entering the 20th Century

- 1.) False. During the early 1900s floods and fire destroyed parts of Augusta.
- 2.) True. (The mills were given a five year grace period to make changes)
- 3.) True