HEADRIGHT SYSTEM

* 1770’s-1800
* Each white male counted as the “head” of the family
* Had the “right” to receive UP to 1,000 acres.
* Land east of the Oconee River (belonging to the Indians) was given to the settlers

YAZOO LAND FRAUD

* Four land companies bribed the General Assembly & Governor to pass a bill allowing them the land
* Land companies paid $500,000 for 35-50 million acres
* Public enraged and voted them all out of office
* State tried to refund money and buy back the land
  + many people wanted to keep their new land
  + these people went to court
  + Federal gov’t had to pay over $4 million to settle these claims
* GA lost money rather than gained
* In 1802- GA ceded (gave up) land west of the Chattahoochee River (making a new boundary)

LAND LOTTERIES

* Land located west of the Oconee River
* For small fee- any white male, 21 years or older, could spin a wheel to try to win land (some won, some didn’t)
* Multiple chances: head of house with children, war veterans, widows