Southeast United States Readers Theatre Script
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1	Tourists – hey y'all!	17	Right, because the southeast is known for
All	Y'all? [gesture]	. 11	its industries.
2	Right, y'all is what we say here in the southeast!	All	Food processing, manufacturing, textiles, and forestry.
3	Welcome to the Mississippi Mayhem	18	Featuring pulp!
3	Mobile!	19	You mean that stuff in my orange juice?
All	[sound effect]	3	No – pulp is actually a mixture of wood
4	On this tour, all y'all will learn about	3	chips and chemicals used to make paper.
All	the southeast United States! [gesture]	5, 9, 19	
5	Excellent!	20	Speaking of oranges, that's just one of
6	On your right, y'all will see some low	20	the southeast's many crops.
	wetlands,	21	Right, we have cotton, peanuts, sugar
All	Ya mean swamps? [gesture] [sound		cane, and citrus fruits.
	effects]	22	We also produce crude oil and natural
7	Right – not good for farming!		gas.
6	For farming, we have plantations.	23	And because we have so many port
8	And on all y'all's left – the home of		cities—
	George Washington Carver!	All	Like Miami! [gesture]
9	You mean that peanut dude??	23	Right! Because we have so many ports
10	Ahem, for your information, George		on the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of
	Washington Carver was an African		Mexico, we do a lot of trading.
	American scientist who developed	12	Importing and exporting goods!
	hundreds of uses for peanuts!	20	Lots of international trade.
All	Well, holy peanuts! [gesture]	All	[Wind and waves sound effect]
11	Hey, y'all! What's that triangular sandy	19	Whoa! What's that? Are we in danger?
	piece of land where that river split into	7	Not usually. Here in the southeast, we
	smaller channels?		have lots of barrier islands that block the
All	Whoa! It's a Delta! [gesture]		ocean winds and waves.
1	Yup, that's right – the Mississippi Delta!	5, 9, 19	
	The Mississippi River goes all the way to	8	The Mississippi Mayhem is heading
	the Gulf of Mexico!		north now to the Commonwealth of
All	Wow! [gesture]		Virginia!
4	That's where you'll find the Florida	5	What's a commonwealth?
	Keys—the islands off the southern coast	All	A commonwealth is a territory that
	of Florida.		governs itself.
12	Phew! Is it me, or is it getting hot down	5, 9, 19	
	here?	10	We have now reached our final
13	The weather is different here in the		destination—the Jamestown settlement:
	southeast.	7	The first permanent English colony built
14	Lots of hurricanes		in North America.
All	[sound effect]	14	Thank you for choosing the Mississippi
15	Partly in the Tropics—meaning "a band		Mayhem Mobile.
	of warm climate."	All	[sound effect]
All	[gesture]	13	Please take all your belongings or they
16	The Sunbelt!	10:5	may be damaged or destroyed.
All	[sound effect] [gesture]		We hope you enjoyed your tour of
5	Dude, is this like a robot town?	All	the southeast United States! [gesture]
9	There are like so many factories.		See y'all next time, ya hear?