**Piedmont Region**

* **Piedmont Region-An area known for its red clay and hilly locations, located at North Carolina’s center and is the most populated**
* **Picture below: Downtown Greensboro**
* **Interesting fact: To control the red clay erosion, the state planted millions of kudzu plants (that backfired---it’s now a well-known North Carolina weed)**
* **Two main rivers in the Piedmont: Catawba and the Yadkin Pee-Dee—one area of hills has a monadnock, or “last mountain standing” due to erosion (Pilot Mountain)**
* **There is occasional farming, but there are more livestock and dairy farms**
* **Tobacco manufacturing (Durham), textiles (Winston-Salem), and furniture making (High Point) grew in the 1800s; this state was once the nation’s leader in all three**
* **People who lived near the factories lived in mill villages, owned by the companies who hired them**
* **In recent years the Piedmont region has lost a lot of textile and furniture-making businesses**
* **Despite lost manufacturing jobs, the region has recovered with banking (Bank of America), racing (NASCAR), and medicine (Research Triangle)**