

Virginia Studies Review

VS.2 a-g

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VS.10 b-c

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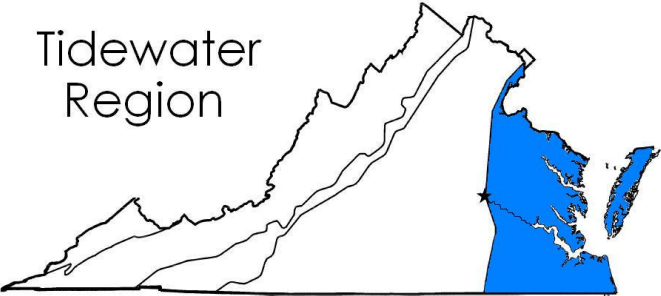
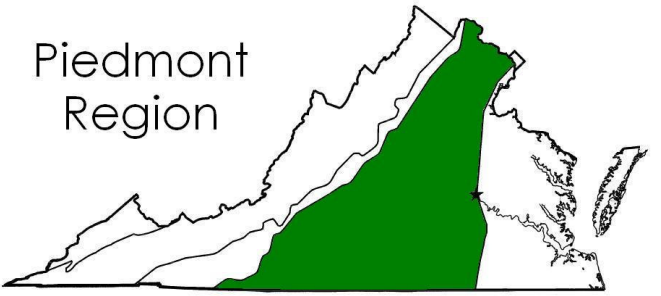
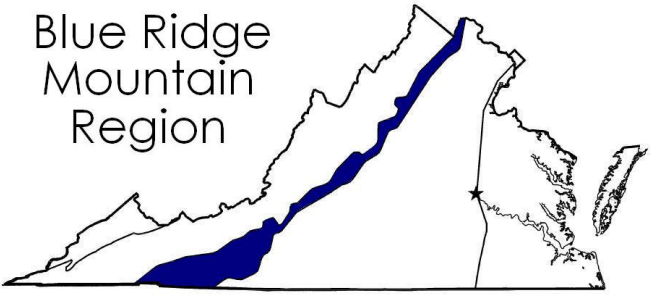
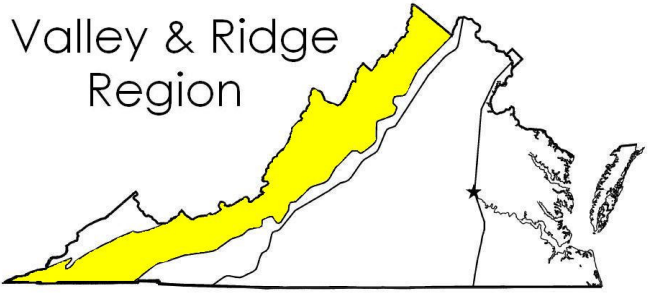
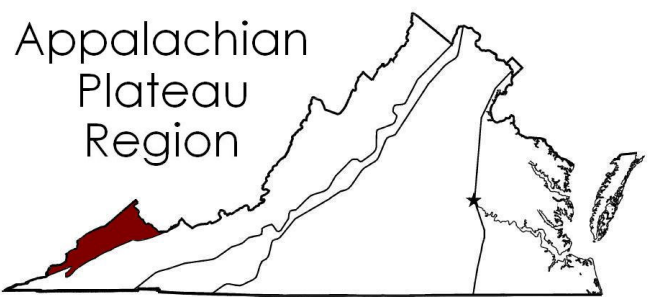
a) locating Virginia and its bordering states on maps of the United States.

Questions:	Answers:
What are some ways that relative location can be described?	Locations of places can be described in relative terms. Relative location may be described using terms that show connections between two places such as "next to," "near," "bordering."
What large bodies of water border Virginia?	Bordering bodies of water <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atlantic Ocean• Chesapeake Bay
What states border Virginia?	Bordering states <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kentucky• West Virginia• Maryland• Tennessee• North Carolina

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b) locating and describing Virginia's Coastal Plain (Tidewater), Piedmont, Blue Ridge Mountains, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau.

Essential Questions:	Terms to know:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) What are the five geographic regions in Virginia?2) Where are the geographic regions of Virginia located?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Fall Line</u>: The natural border between the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont regions, where waterfalls prevent further travel on the river• <u>Plateau</u>: Area of elevated land that is flat on top)

Geographic Regions (East to West)	Characteristics
<p>Tidewater Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as the Coastal Plain • Flat land • Location near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay • Includes Eastern Shore • East of the Fall Line
<p>Piedmont Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land at the Foot of Mountains • Rolling hills • West of the Fall Line
<p>Blue Ridge Mountain Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old, rounded mountains • Part of Appalachian mountain system • Located between the Piedmont and Valley and Ridge regions • Source of many rivers
<p>Valley & Ridge Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes the Great Valley of Virginia and other valleys separated by ridges • Part of Appalachian mountain system • Located west of Blue Ridge Mountains
<p>Appalachian Plateau Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in Southwest Virginia • Only a small part of the plateau is located in Virginia

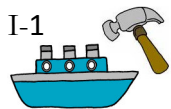
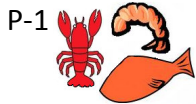
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What are the major products and industries of each region in Virginia?

Selected Examples of Products/Industries

Coastal Plain (Tidewater)



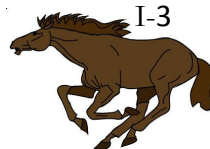
Products:

- 1) Seafood
- 2) Peanuts

Industries:

- 1) Shipbuilding
- 2) Tourism
- 3) Military bases

Piedmont



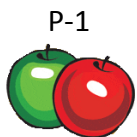
Products:

- 1) Tobacco products
- 2) Information technology

Industries:

- 1) Federal and state government
- 2) Farming
- 3) Horse Industry

Blue Ridge Mountains



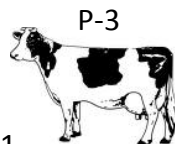
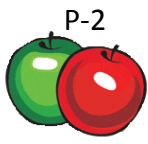
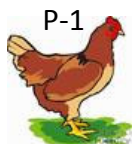
Products:

- 1) Apples

Industries:

- 1) Recreation
- 2) Farming

Valley and Ridge



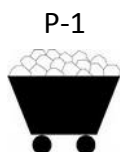
Products:

- 1) Poultry
- 2) Apples
- 3) Beef
- 4) Dairy

Industries:

- 1) Farming

Appalachian Plateau



Products:

- 1) Coal

Industries:

- 1) Coal mining

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c) explaining how advances in transportation, communications, and technology have contributed to Virginia's prosperity and role in the global economy.

Questions:	Answers:
How have advances in transportation facilitated migration and economic growth?	Virginia's transportation system (highways, railroads, and air transportation) moves raw materials to factories and finished products to markets. Virginia exports agricultural and manufactured products, including tobacco, poultry, coal, and large ships.
How have advances in communications and technology helped the economy grow?	Virginia has a large number of communications and other technology industries.
In what ways is Virginia part of the U.S. economy?	Tourism is a major part of Virginia's economy. Because many federal workers live and/or work in Virginia, the federal government has a significant impact on Virginia's economy.

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c) locating and identifying water features important to the early history of Virginia (Atlantic Ocean, Chesapeake Bay, James River, York River, Potomac River, Rappahannock River, Lake Drummond, and the Dismal Swamp).

Questions:	Answers:
Why are Virginia's water features important?	They influenced the early history of Virginia. Many early Virginia cities developed along the Fall Line.
Where are Virginia's peninsulas?	The four major rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay are separated by peninsulas.
Where is the Eastern Shore located?	The Eastern Shore is a peninsula bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

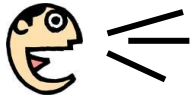

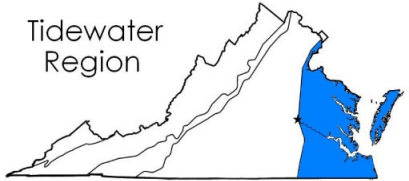
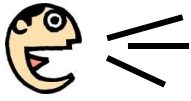

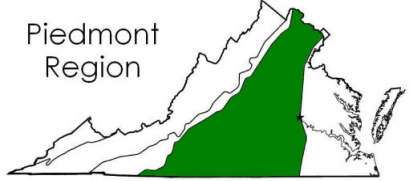
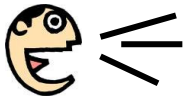

How did the flow of rivers affect the settlement of Virginia?	Each river was a source of food and provided a pathway for exploration and settlement of Virginia.
Which water features were important to the early history of Virginia?	Terms to know <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Peninsula</u>: A piece of land bordered by water on three sides.
Important Water Features	Characteristics of Water Features
Atlantic Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided transportation links between Virginia and other places (e.g., Europe, Africa, Caribbean)
Chesapeake Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a safe harbor • Was a source of food and transportation • separates the Eastern Shore from the mainland of Virginia.
Potomac River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Alexandria located along the Potomac River
Rappahannock River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Fredericksburg located on the Rappahannock River
York River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Yorktown located along the York River
James River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Richmond and Jamestown located along the James River
Lake Drummond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region • Shallow natural lake surrounded by the Dismal Swamp
Dismal Swamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region • Variety of wildlife • George Washington explored and surveyed the Dismal Swamp.

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d) locating three American Indian language groups (the Algonquian, the Siouan, and the Iroquoian) on a map of Virginia.

Questions:	Answers:
Why are <i>First Americans</i> / native peoples called Indians?	Christopher Columbus called the people he found in the lands he (<i>discovered</i>) explored “Indians” because he thought he was in the Indies (near China). American Indians were the first people who lived in Virginia.
What evidence is there that American Indians lived in all areas of the state?	Artifacts such as arrowheads, pottery, and other tools that have been found tell a lot about the people who lived in Virginia.

- 1) What were the three major language groups found in Virginia?
- 2) Which groups of people spoke them?
- 3) Where was each located?

Spoken Language	Group of People	Location
Algonquian 	Powhatans 	Tidewater Region 
Siouan 	Monacan 	Piedmont Region 
Iroquoian 	Cherokee 	Southwestern Virginia and in Southern Virginia near what is today North Carolina

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e) describing how American Indians *First Americans* related *adapted* to the climate and their environment to secure food, clothing, and shelter.

Questions:		Answers:	
What are some characteristics of Virginia’s climate?		Climate in Virginia The climate in Virginia is relatively <u>mild</u> with distinct seasons—spring, summer, fall, and winter—resulting in a variety of vegetation.	
What are some ways Virginia’s American Indians related to the climate and interacted with their environment to meet their basic needs?		Forests, which have a variety of trees, cover most of the land. Virginia’s Indians are referred to as <u>Eastern Woodland Indians</u> .	
(Adaptations to) Environmental Connections			
The kinds of 1) <u>clothing</u> they wore, the 2) <u>shelters</u> they had, and the 3) <u>foods</u> they ate depended upon the seasons. 1) Animal skins (deerskin) were used for clothing. 2) Shelter was made from materials around them. 3) Food changed with the seasons.			
Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grew crops<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Beans○ Corn○ Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvested crops• Hunted for foods to preserve and keep for the winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunted birds and animals• Lived on stored foods from the previous fall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunted• Fished• Picked berries
Questions:		Answers:	
How do Virginia’s American Indians live today in relation to the way they lived in the past?		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Native peoples of the past farmed, hunted, and fished. They made homes using natural resources. They used animal skins for clothing in the winter.• <u>Today</u>, most native peoples live like other Americans. Their cultures have changed over time.	

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f) describing how archaeologists have recovered new material evidence through sites including Werowocomoco and Jamestown.

Questions:	Answers:
Why is archaeology important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archaeology is another way to help people understand the past.• Archeologists study all kinds of material evidence left from people of the past.
How can new findings change the understanding of history?	Recent archaeological digs have recovered new material evidence about Werowocomoco and historic Jamestown.
What was Werowocomoco?	Werowocomoco was a large Indian town used by Indian leaders for several hundred years before the English settlers came. It was the headquarters for the leader, Powhatan, in 1607.
What was Jamestown?	Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in North America. Archaeologists have discovered the site of the original fort. The recovered artifacts give archaeologists clues about the interactions of English, African, and Indians in early Virginia.

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g) identifying and locating the current state-recognized tribes.

Questions:	Answers:
Where are the current state-recognized tribes located in Virginia today?	American Indians, who trace their family history back to before 1607, continue to live in all parts of Virginia today. American Indian people have lived in Virginia for thousands of years.
What are the names of the current state recognized tribes?	<p>Today, eight American Indian tribes in Virginia are recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia.</p> <p>The current state-recognized tribes are located in the following regions:</p> <p><u>Coastal Plain (Tidewater)Region</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chickahominy tribe• Eastern Chickahominy Tribe• Mattaponi Tribe• Nansemond Tribe• Pamunkey Tribe• Rappahannock Tribe• Upper Mattaponi Tribe <p><u>Piedmont Region</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monacan Tribe