Virginia Resources SOL 4.9

WHAT ARE NATURAL RESOURCES?

Natural resources are things that people get and use from nature. Virginia has a rich variety of natural resources. These include:

- forests
- arable land (farmable land)
- wildlife
- aquatic wildlife
- clean air
- clean water
- beautiful scenery
WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is an area over which surface water (and the materials it carries) flows to a single collection place.

WHAT WATERSHED DOES THE RAIN THAT FALLS HERE IN LEESBURG END UP IN?

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed covers about half of Virginia’s land area.

All 4 of the major rivers we learn about in Virginia Studies all empty into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The other 2 other major watersheds systems are the Gulf of Mexico and the North Carolina Sounds.
WHAT DOES THE TERM "WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM" MEAN TO YOU?

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WHAT ARE VIRGINIA’S WATER RESOURCES?

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**WHAT ARE VIRGINIA’S MINERAL RESOURCES?**

There are a lot of minerals that are mined here in Virginia for use here and all over the country, and the world. They are:

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**TYPES OF FORESTS:**

Natural Forests-

Cultivated Forests-
WHY ARE NATURAL AND CULTIVATED FORESTS IMPORTANT?

Look around you. What do you see that is made from wood or with wood? So, why are the natural and cultivated forests important?

WHY IS VIRGINIA’S SOIL AND LAND AN IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCE?

Virginia’s land and soil:

| Support a variety of life (plant and animal) | Provide space for many economic activities | Offer a variety of recreational opportunities |