



Virginia's Role in the New Nation VS.6



WHO WERE SOME VIRGINIANS THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN HELPING BUILD OUR NEW NATION?

George Washington (nickname: Father of our country)

George Washington, a Virginian, was elected (many years after the American Revolution ended) the first President of the United States in 1789.



He provided the strong leadership needed to help the young country.



He also provided a model of leadership for future Presidents.

Because of these two things he is often called the "Father of our Country".



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James Madison (nickname: Father of the Constitution)

James Madison, a Virginian, believed in the importance of having a United States Constitution.



He kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention.



He was very skilled at finding compromises, and this skill helped during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States

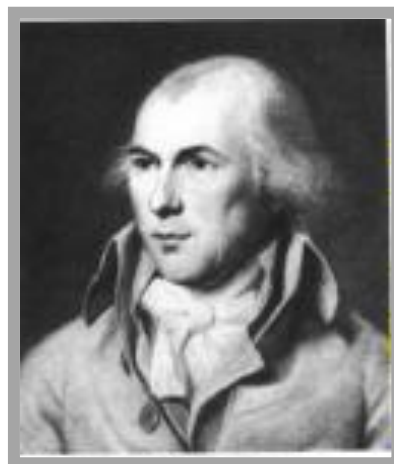
(Remember that the Constitution was the document that our Founding Fathers wrote outlining how the new government would work)

<p>James Madison kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention. He later used these notes to solve problems and answer difficult questions.</p>	<p>His skills at compromise helped the delegates reach agreements during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States of America.</p>
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This earned him the nick-name
“**The Father of the Constitution.**”



Constitution



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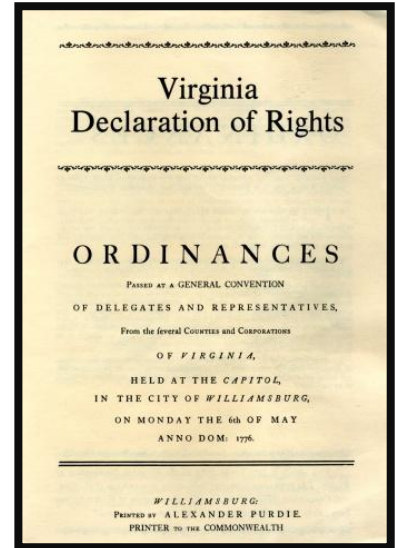
Virginia Declaration of Rights

WHAT IS THE VIRGINIA DECLARATION OF RIGHTS?

It was a document written for Virginia that stated that all **Virginians had many rights including freedom of religion and freedom of the press.**



George Mason, a Virginian, wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights.



Virginia Declaration of Rights

The Virginia Declaration of Rights stated:

Virginians had the right to **freedom of the press**. The press has the right to write about anything they want without the government interference.

Virginian had the right to **freedom of religion**. You are free to believe in any religion you wish without government interference.

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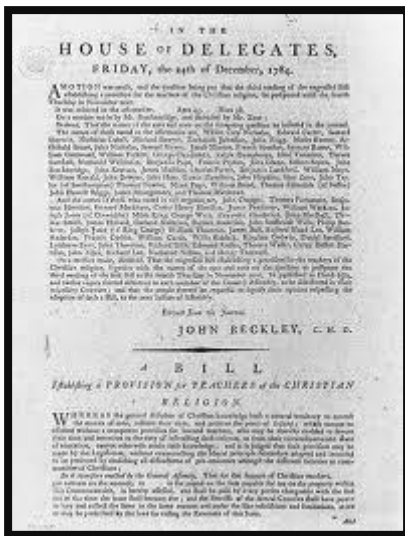


Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom

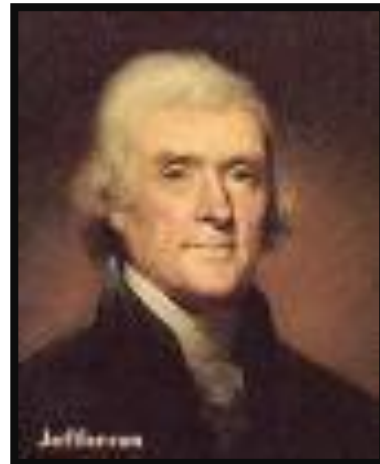
HOW DID THE VIRGINIA STATUTE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM INFLUNCE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

Thomas Jefferson wrote the **Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom** for Virginia.

It states that all people should be free to worship as they please.



Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom



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WHY DID VIRGINIANS MOVE TO THE WESTERN FRONTIER OF VIRGINIA AND BEYOND?

After the American Revolutionary War, Virginia's agricultural base began to change, and as a result large numbers of Virginians moved west and to the deep South to find better farmland and new opportunities.

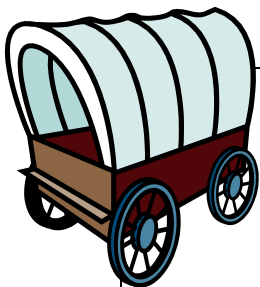


Tobacco farming was hard on the soil, causing many farmers to look south and west for new land to farm.

Some Virginians migrated into western territories looking for large areas of land and new opportunities.

As Virginians moved, they took with them their traditions, ideas, and cultures with them. (Just like you would do if you moved away)

Settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains through the **Cumberland Gap** as they migrated to new lands in the west.



Cumberland Gap