

Virginia Geography

Study Guide Test_____

You need to know:

Identify the five bordering states on a map. **Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina** (there is a great map in your study notes)

Mustard with ketch-up tastes nasty

The five regions and the physical characteristics of each.

Amazing Virginians Buy Pepsi Cola

Appalachian Plateau-high flat land (it is not a flat mountain top)

- Located in Southwest Virginia
- Only a small part of this region is located in Virginia



Valley and Ridge- has valleys and ridges or mountains

- Part of the Appalachian Mountains system
- Includes the Great Valley of Virginia and other valleys separated by ridges
- Located **WEST** of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Blue Ridge- has mountains

- Part of the Appalachian Mountain system
- Old rounded mountains
- Many rivers begin in this region



Piedmont- has rolling hills

- Piedmont means "land at the foot of the mountains"
- **West** of the Fall line

Coastal Plain/ Tidewater- has mostly flat land

- Located near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay
- It includes the Eastern Shore of Virginia
- Has many peninsulas
- **EAST** of the Fall Line

You need to be able to locate Virginia's 4 Major Rivers and the cities (there is a map in your study notes)

Please Remember Your Jacket

- **Potomac**- flows into the Chesapeake Bay
Alexandria is located on the Potomac

Alex likes **P**otatoes



- **Rappahannock**- flows into the Chesapeake Bay
Fredericksburg is located on the Rappahannock

Freddy likes to **R**ap

- **York**-flows into the Chesapeake Bay
Yorktown is located on the York

York likes **Y**orktown

- **James**- flows into the Chesapeake Bay
Jamestown and Richmond are located on the James

James is Very **R**ich

All of the rivers were was a source of food and provided pathway for exploration and settlement of early Virginia

Be able to locate **Lake Drummond** and know:

- It is in the Coastal Plain/Tidewater Region
- It is a shallow natural lake surrounded by the Dismal Swamp

Be able to locate **Dismal Swamp** and know:

- It is in the Coastal Plain/Tidewater Region
- Has a variety of wildlife

Be able to locate the **Chesapeake Bay** and know:

- It provided a safe harbor
- It is a source of food and transportation



Be able to locate the **Eastern Shore** and know:

- It is a peninsula that is bordered on the **WEST** by the Chesapeake Bay and to the **EAST** by the Atlantic Ocean

Be able to locate the **Atlantic Ocean** and know:

- it provided a transportation link between Virginia and other places (Europe, Africa, Caribbean)