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Virginia Regions Study Guide (Answer Key)

Standard VS.2a: SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by locating Virginia and its bordering states on maps of the United States.

Relative location may be described using terms that show connections between two places such as “**next to**,” “**near**,” “**bordering**.”

Bordering bodies of water

- **Atlantic Ocean**
- **Chesapeake Bay**

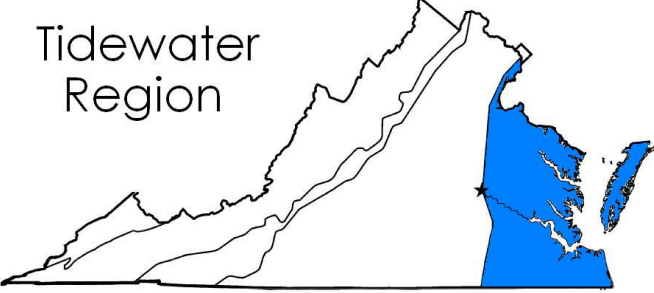
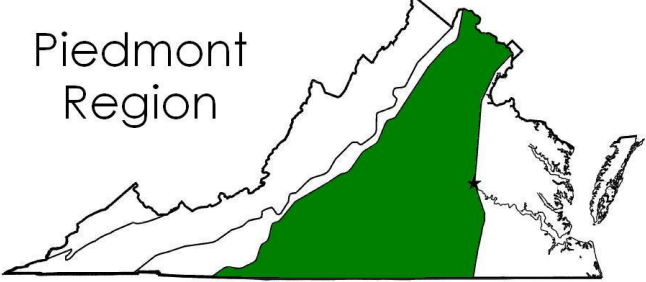
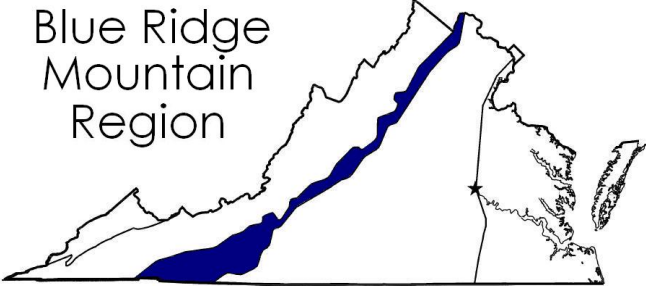
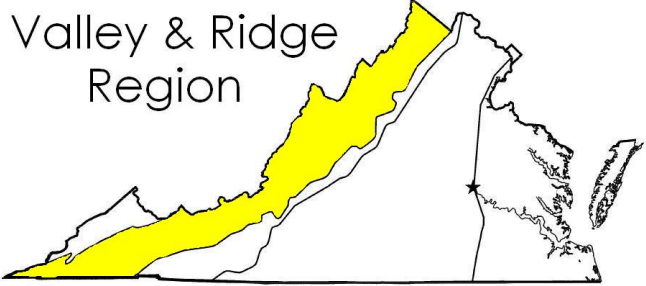
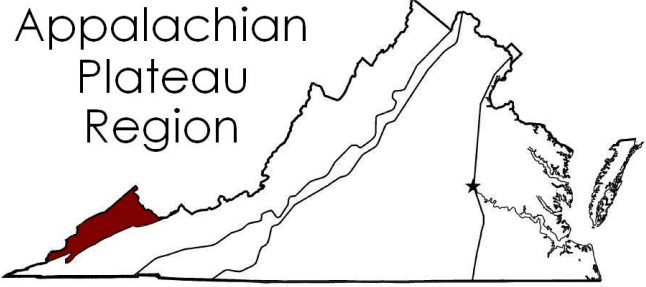
Bordering states (Ketchup With Mustard Tastes Nasty)

- **Kentucky**
- **West Virginia**
- **Maryland**
- **Tennessee**
- **North Carolina**

Standard VS.2b: SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by locating and describing Virginia’s five geographic regions.

Terms to know:

- **Fall Line:** The **natural border** between the **Coastal Plain (Tidewater)** and **Piedmont** regions, where **waterfalls** prevent further travel on the river
- **Plateau:** Area of **elevated** land that is **flat** on top

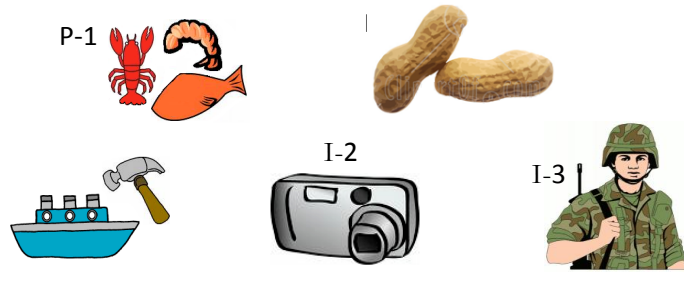
Geographic Regions (East to West)	Characteristics
<p>Tidewater Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also known as the Coastal Plain • Flat land • Location near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay • Includes Eastern Shore • East of the Fall Line
<p>Piedmont Region</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: 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

Standard VS.10b: SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of government, geography, and economics by describing the major products and industries of Virginia's five geographic regions.

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



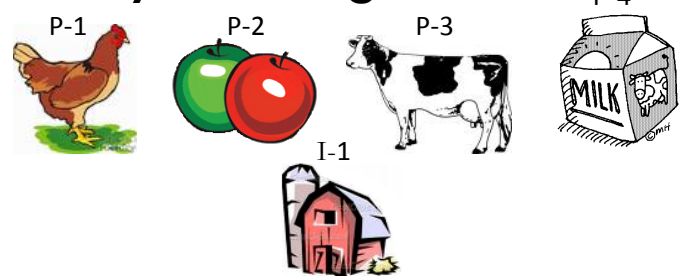
Products:

- 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**

Standard VS.2c: SWBAT demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by locating and identifying water features important to the early history of Virginia.

Which water features were important to the early history of Virginia?	<p>Terms to know</p> <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
<u>Atlantic Ocean</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided transportation links between Virginia and other places like Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean.
<u>Chesapeake Bay</u>	<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.
<u>Potomac River</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Alexandria located along the Potomac River
<u>Rappahannock River</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Fredericksburg located on the Rappahannock River
<u>York River</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Yorktown located along the York River
<u>James River</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flows into the Chesapeake Bay • Richmond and Jamestown located along the James River
<u>Lake Drummond</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region • Shallow natural lake surrounded by the Dismal Swamp
<u>Dismal Swamp</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region • Variety of wildlife • George Washington explored and surveyed the Dismal Swamp.