

CHAPTER 1 STUDY GUIDE

5. Appalachian Plateau

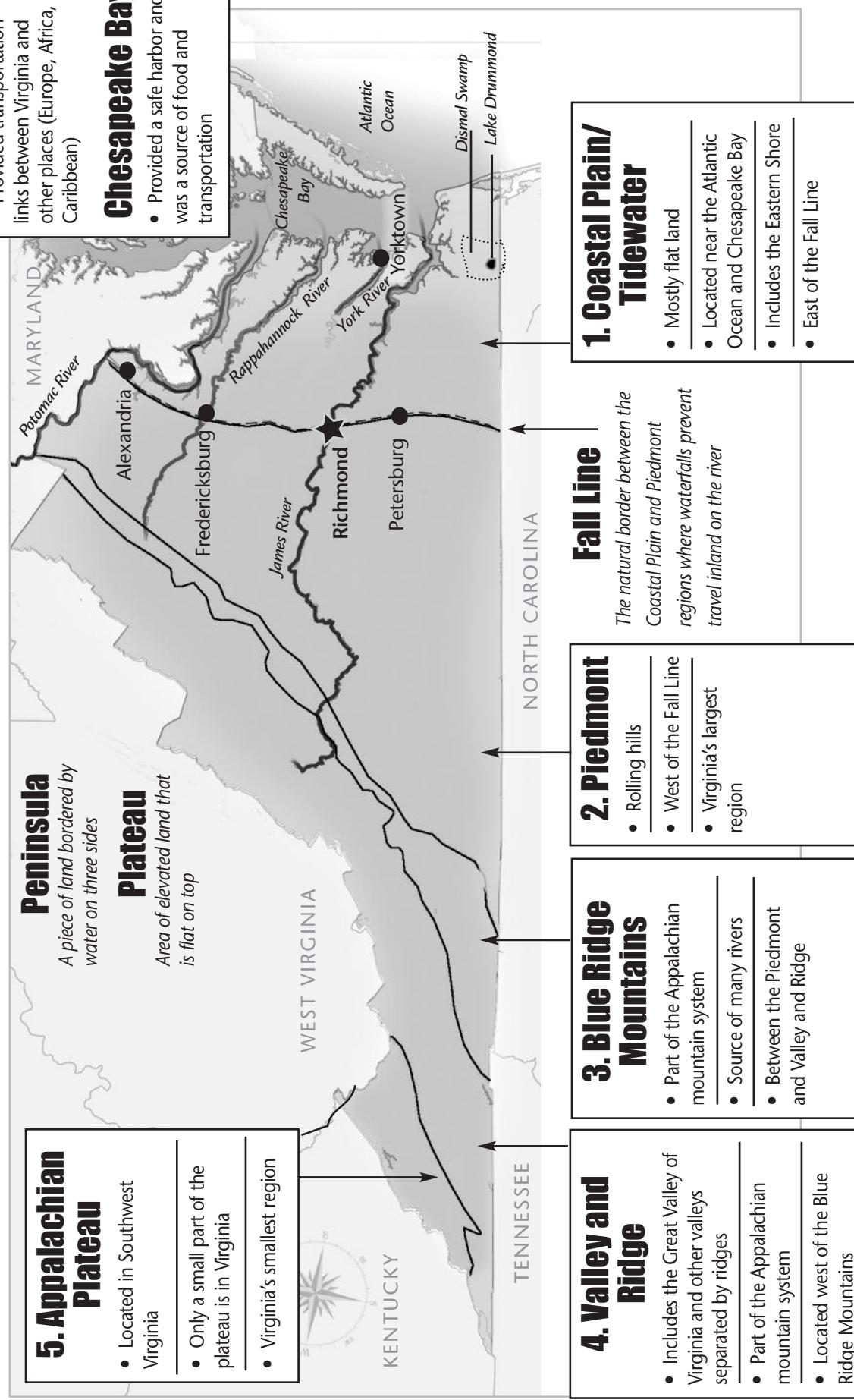
- Located in Southwest Virginia
- Only a small part of the plateau is in Virginia
- Virginia's smallest region

Peninsula

A piece of land bordered by water on three sides

Plateau

Area of elevated land that is flat on top



Atlantic Ocean

- Provided transportation links between Virginia and other places (Europe, Africa, Caribbean)

Chesapeake Bay

- Provided a safe harbor and was a source of food and transportation

Atlantic
Ocean

Chesapeake
Bay

Rappahannock River

York River

James River

Potomac River

Dismal Swamp

Lake Drummond

1. Coastal Plain/ Tidewater

- Mostly flat land
- Located near the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay
- Includes the Eastern Shore
- East of the Fall Line

Fall Line

The natural border between the Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions where waterfalls prevent travel inland on the river

2. Piedmont

- Rolling hills
- West of the Fall Line
- Virginia's largest region

3. Blue Ridge Mountains

- Part of the Appalachian mountain system
- Source of many rivers
- Between the Piedmont and Valley and Ridge

4. Valley and Ridge

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