

VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING

TEST ITEM SET

**VIRGINIA STUDIES**  
**2008 History and Social Science**  
**Standards of Learning**

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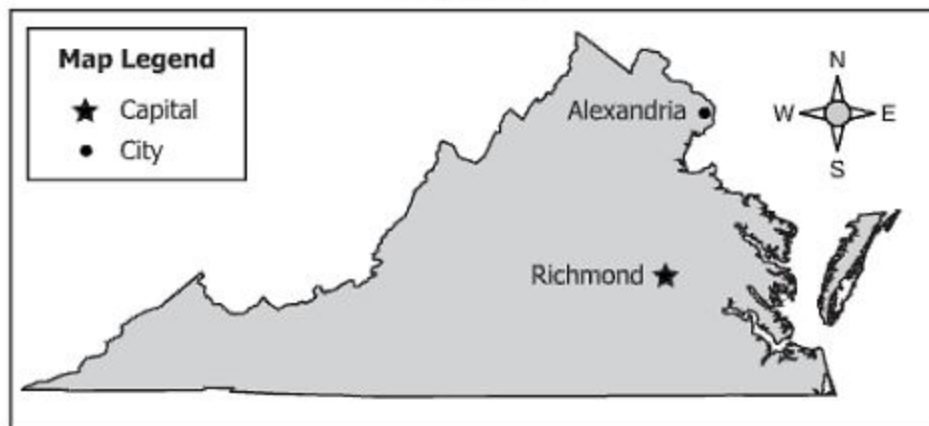
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**SAMPLE**

**Virginia**



**In which direction would you travel from Richmond to Alexandria?**

- A** North
- B** South
- C** East
- D** West

**Which group established the town of Werowocomoco?**

- A** English settlers
- B** American Indians
- C** Spanish missionaries
- D** African Americans

How do we know what life was like for Jamestown settlers?  
We can study items such as metal tools to learn how they were used.

**People studying the past best learn about artifacts like these by —**

- A** designing them on computers
- B** seeing them in newspapers
- C** digging at archaeological sites
- D** looking at colonial pictures

**Which of these happened last?**

- A** Settlers learned survival skills from Powhatan and other native peoples.
- B** Native peoples saw the settlers as invaders taking their land.
- C** Settlers communicated with the native peoples through Pocahontas.
- D** Native peoples taught the settlers to plant corn and other crops.

**What is the best example of a cultural landscape?**

- A** Tree
- B** Cow
- C** Barn
- D** Tractor

**The arrival of European settlers changed the lives of American Indians by forcing them to —**

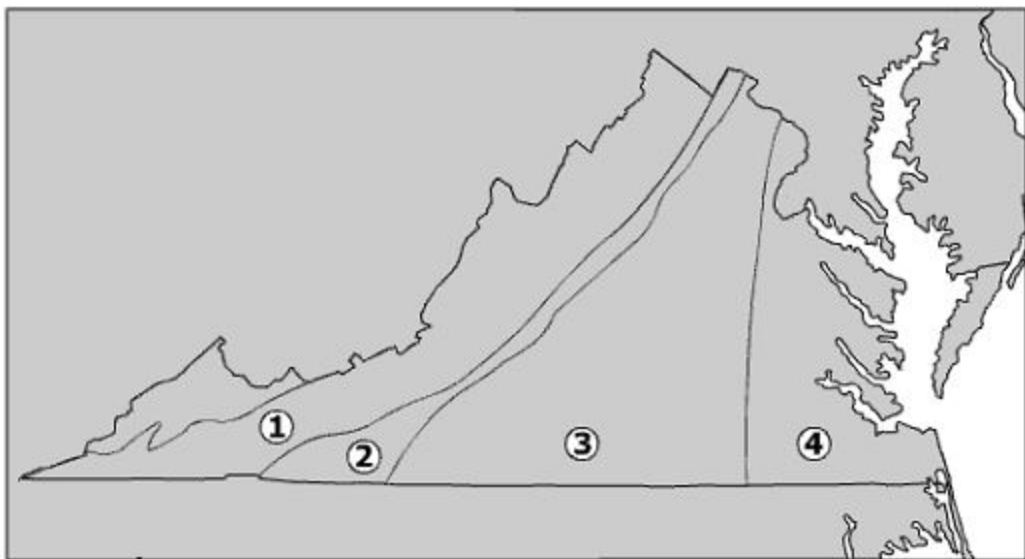
- A** build new houses
- B** attend school
- C** move inland
- D** work on ships

**The area of West Virginia became a state because —**

- A** its people opposed slavery
- B** Abraham Lincoln was elected
- C** its people supported women's suffrage
- D** John Brown caused a slave revolt



## Regions of Virginia



Which number marks the region where the first English settlement in Virginia was located?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

- Author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom
- Served as Governor during the Revolutionary War
- Served in Continental Congress

**Which Virginian is responsible for these contributions?**

- A** Thomas Jefferson
- B** George Washington
- C** Patrick Henry
- D** James Madison

**Which group's traditional homeland was located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region of Virginia?**

- A** Lakota
- B** English
- C** Powhatan
- D** African

**Edmund:** "I think we should stay loyal to the king."

**Joshua:** "I think we should form our own nation."

**Which statement about these two Virginians is probably true?**

- A** Only one led soldiers in the colonies.
- B** They took opposite sides in the American Revolution.
- C** Only one paid taxes in the colonies.
- D** They had different opinions about African-American slavery.



Which group would most likely have supported this type of meeting?

- A Industrialists
- B Abolitionists
- C Plantation owners
- D Confederate soldiers

Which newspaper headline describes the result of the battle between the *Merrimack* and the *Monitor*?

A



C



B



D



- Maintaining farms and plantations
- Providing labor for the military

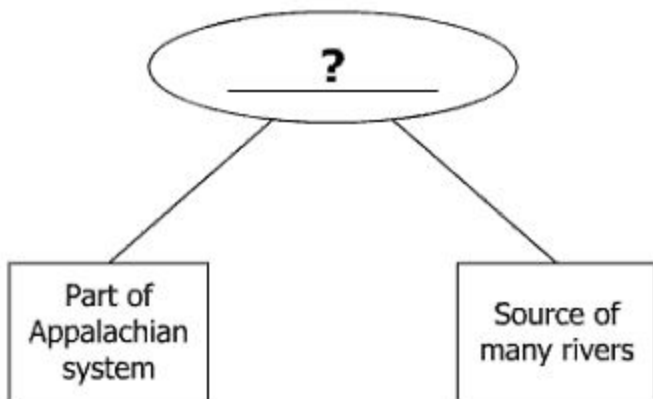
**During the Civil War, which group did this work for the Confederate states?**

- A** New European immigrants
- B** American Indians
- C** Southern abolitionists
- D** Enslaved African Americans

**Which Virginia governor is known for the "Pay As You Go" road improvement policy?**

- A** A. Linwood Holton
- B** Mills E. Godwin, Jr.
- C** Harry F. Byrd, Sr.
- D** L. Douglas Wilder





**Which region completes this diagram?**

- A** Piedmont
- B** Coastal Plain (Tidewater)
- C** Valley and Ridge
- D** Blue Ridge Mountains

### Virginia, 1775



**A settler in Richmond who wanted to return to Europe would travel on which river?**

- A** James
- B** Shenandoah
- C** Roanoke
- D** Potomac

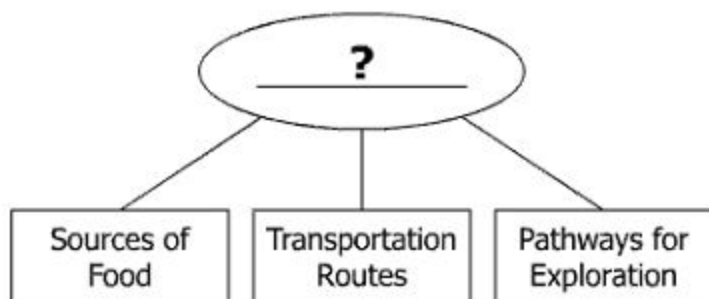
**Which body of water separates the Eastern Shore from the Virginia mainland?**

- A** Atlantic Ocean
- B** Potomac River
- C** Chesapeake Bay
- D** James River

Mari lives in Virginia near the North Carolina border. She is writing a history report on the native peoples that lived near her home and spoke an Iroquoian language.

**Which American Indians will be described in Mari's report?**

- A** Cherokee
- B** Pamunkey
- C** Monacan
- D** Powhatan



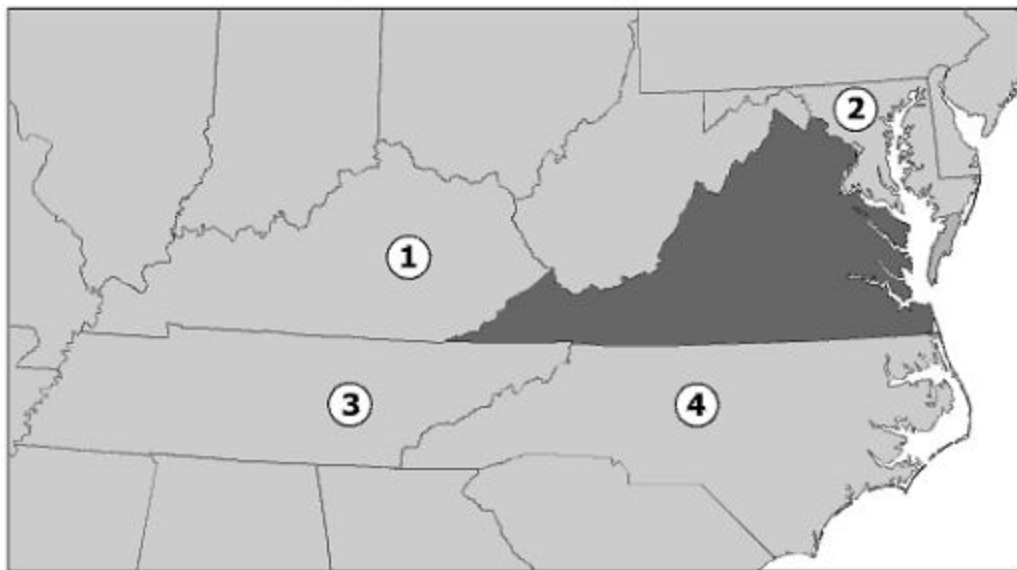
**The best title for this diagram is —**

- A** Why American Indians Lived in Virginia
- B** The Reasons to Defend Jamestown From Spain
- C** Why Jamestown Colonists Moved West
- D** The Importance of Rivers to the Virginia Settlement

**The first settlers founded Jamestown on —**

- A** an island
- B** an isthmus
- C** a peninsula
- D** a strait

### Virginia and Bordering States



Where did many Virginians settle after traveling through the Cumberland Gap?

- A 1 and 2
- B 1 and 3
- C 2 and 4
- D 3 and 4

## Burning of Jamestown



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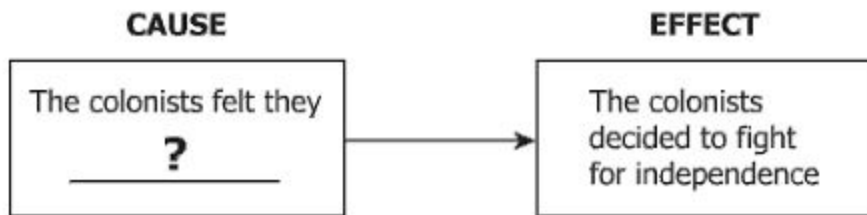
**What was the result of this event?**

- A** Colonists leave the Chesapeake Bay area
- B** City rebuilt near Werowocomoco
- C** Colonists join the local American Indian tribe
- D** Capital moved to Williamsburg



**The charters of the Virginia Company of London gave —**

- A** property rights to women
- B** religious freedom to slaves
- C** English rights to the colonists
- D** land to the American Indians



**Which phrase best completes this diagram?**

- A** had the right to own slaves
- B** should own English land
- C** had the right to govern themselves
- D** should have an English king

### Legal Authority in the Colonies

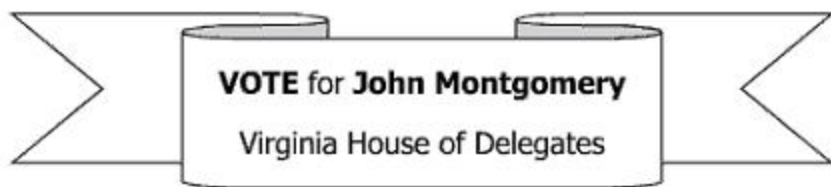
British Ideas	Colonists' Ideas
Parliament	<u>          ?</u>

Which group completes this table?

- A Earliest settlers
- B Royal governors
- C Wealthy families
- D Local assemblies

**After Reconstruction, the freedoms given to African Americans were —**

- A** taken away by Jim Crow laws
- B** changed by the Supreme Court
- C** increased by the Bill of Rights
- D** voted against by Congress



**If John Montgomery wins this election, his job will be to —**

- A** make laws for the state
- B** decide which people go to court
- C** gather taxes for the state
- D** judge which laws are constitutional

**As a result of the Civil Rights Movement, laws were passed that —**

- A** gave immigrants the right to work
- B** made racial discrimination illegal
- C** gave women the right to vote
- D** made child labor illegal

**Maria is a guide for visitors to a history museum. Maria works in the —**

- A** tourism industry
- B** agriculture industry
- C** manufacturing industry
- D** transportation industry

**Location 1**



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**Location 2**



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**Which factor would persuade people to move from Location 1 to Location 2?**

- A** Religious freedom
- B** Job opportunities
- C** Smaller populations
- D** Cleaner air

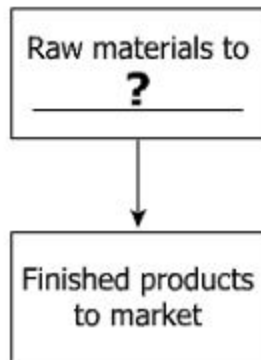


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What is the best title for this picture?

- A Buying on Credit
- B Exchanging Goods for Services
- C Saving Goods for Later Use
- D Bartering in the Colonies



**What best replaces the question mark?**

- A** Coal mines
- B** Farms
- C** Military bases
- D** Factories

**Why was the Freedmen's Bureau created?**

- A** To help new immigrants
- B** To help former slaves
- C** To help plantation owners
- D** To help southern soldiers

**Which industry has contributed most to migration within modern Virginia?**

- A** Medicine
- B** Mining
- C** Agriculture
- D** Transportation

**Virginia Studies**  
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**Answer Key**

Sequence Number	Correct Answer	Reporting Category	Reporting Category Description
1	B	001	History
2	C	001	History
3	B	001	History
4	C	001	History
5	C	001	History
6	A	001	History
7	D	001	History
8	A	001	History
9	C	001	History
10	B	001	History
11	B	001	History
12	A	001	History
13	D	001	History
14	C	001	History
15	D	002	Geography
16	A	002	Geography
17	C	002	Geography
18	A	002	Geography
19	D	002	Geography
20	C	002	Geography
21	B	002	Geography
22	D	002	Geography
23	C	003	Civics
24	C	003	Civics
25	D	003	Civics
26	A	003	Civics
27	A	003	Civics
28	B	003	Civics
29	A	004	Economics
30	B	004	Economics
31	D	004	Economics
32	D	004	Economics
33	B	004	Economics
34	D	004	Economics

