

## STANDARD VS.10 Virginia – Government, Geography, & Economics

### STANDARD VS.10A VIRGINIA GOVERNMENT

Three branches of Virginia government and the function of each.

Virginia state government is made up of three parts (branches) that ensure Virginia laws agree with the state constitution.

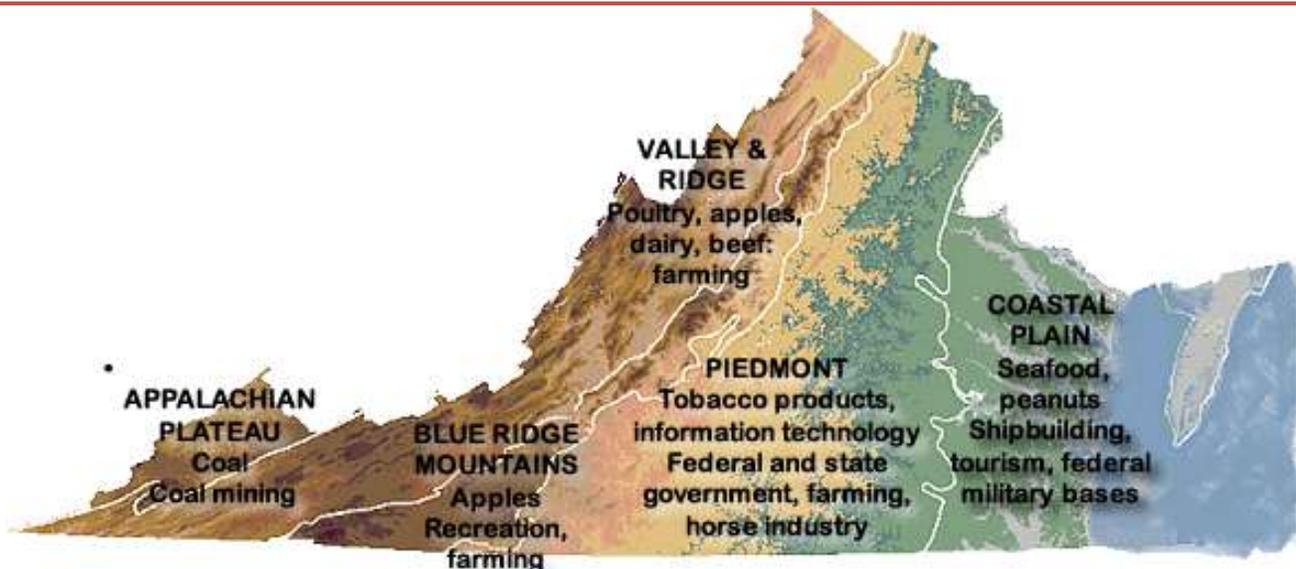
**What are the three branches of government in Virginia and what are the powers of each branch?**

The government of Virginia is divided into three branches.

- The General Assembly is the legislative branch of the Virginia government that makes state laws. It is divided into two parts—the Senate and the House of Delegates.
- The governor heads the executive branch of the state government. The executive branch makes sure that state laws are carried out.
- The judicial branch is the state's court system. The judicial branch decides cases about people accused of breaking the law and whether or not a law agrees with Virginia's constitution



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### STANDARD VS.10B -- PRODUCTS & INDUSTRIES

Major products and industries of Virginia's five geographic regions.

**What are the major products and industries of each region in Virginia?**

The state of Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions. Different products and industries characterize each region.

- Coastal Plain (Tidewater)
  - Products: Seafood, peanuts
  - Industries: Shipbuilding, tourism, military bases
- Piedmont
  - Products: Tobacco products, information technology
  - Industries: Federal and state government, farming, horse industry
- Blue Ridge Mountains
  - Products: Apples
  - Industries: Recreation, farming
- Valley and Ridge
  - Products: Poultry, apples, dairy, beef
  - Industries: Farming
- Appalachian Plateau
  - Products: Coal
  - Industries: Coal mining

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## STANDARD VS.10c

### TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY

Advances in transportation, communications, and technology have contributed to Virginia's prosperity and role in the global economy.

Advances in transportation, communications, and technology have facilitated migration and led to economic development in Virginia.

#### How have advances in transportation facilitated migration and economic growth?

- Virginia's transportation system (highways, railroads, and air transportation) moves raw materials to factories and finished products to markets.
- Virginia exports agricultural and manufactured products, including tobacco, poultry, coal, and large ships.

#### How have advances in communications and technology helped the economy grow?

Virginia has a large number of communications and other technology industries.

#### In what ways is Virginia part of the U.S. economy?

- Virginia exports agricultural and manufactured products, including tobacco, poultry, coal, and large ships.
- Tourism is a major part of Virginia's economy.
- Because many federal workers live and/or work in Virginia, the federal government has a significant impact on Virginia's economy.  
Industries in Virginia produce goods and services used throughout the United States.