

## VS.2 VIRGINIA GEOGRAPHY, NATIVE PEOPLES

### STANDARD VS.2A VIRGINIA'S BORDERING STATES

*Locations of places can be described in relative terms.*

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



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

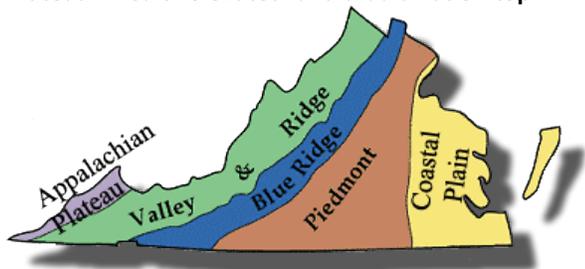
### STANDARD VS.2B VIRGINIA'S FIVE REGIONS

*Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions.*

*Geographic regions have distinctive characteristics.*

#### 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

#### Coastal Plain (Tidewater)

- **Flat land**
- Location near **Atlantic Ocean** and **Chesapeake Bay** (includes Eastern Shore)
- East of the Fall Line

#### Piedmont (land at the foot of mountains)

- **Rolling hills**
- West of the Fall Line

#### Blue Ridge Mountains

- **Old, rounded mountains**
- Part of **Appalachian** mountain system
- Located between the Piedmont and Valley and Ridge regions
- Source of many **rivers**

#### Valley and Ridge

- Includes the **Great Valley** of Virginia and other valleys separated by ridges (The Blue Ridge Mountains and the Valley and Ridge Regions are part of the **Appalachian mountain system**.)
- Located west of Blue Ridge Mountains

#### Appalachian Plateau

- Located in **Southwest** Virginia
- Only a **small part** of the plateau is located in Virginia

### STANDARD VS.2C VIRGINIA'S RIVERS AND WATERWAYS

*Water features were important to the early history of Virginia.*

*Many early Virginia cities developed along the **Fall Line**, the natural border between the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont regions where the land rises sharply and where the **waterfalls prevent further travel** on the river.*

*The **four major rivers** that flow into the Chesapeake Bay are separated by **peninsulas**.*

*The **Chesapeake Bay** separates the **Eastern Shore** from the mainland of Virginia.*

#### Terms to know

- **Peninsula:** A piece of land bordered by water on three sides.
  - The **Eastern Shore** is a **peninsula** bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.



## Water features

### Atlantic Ocean

- Provided **transportation** links between Virginia and other places (e.g., Europe, Africa, Caribbean)

### Chesapeake Bay

- Provided a **safe harbor**
- Was a source of **food** and **transportation**

### James River

- Flows into the Chesapeake Bay
- **Richmond** and **Jamestown** located along the James River

### York River

- Flows into the Chesapeake Bay
- **Yorktown** located along the York River

### Potomac River

- Flows into the Chesapeake Bay
- **Alexandria** located along the Potomac River

### Rappahannock River

- Flows into the Chesapeake Bay
- **Fredericksburg** located on the Rappahannock River

Each **river** was a **source of food** and provided a **pathway for exploration** and settlement of Virginia.

- **Lake Drummond**

- Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region
- Shallow natural lake surrounded by the Dismal Swamp



- **Dismal Swamp**

- Located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region
- Variety of wildlife