

Virginia Studies
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STUDY GUIDE

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STANDARD VS.2a

Border states

Locate Virginia and its bordering states

What are some ways that *relative location* can be described?

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."

What **large bodies of water** border Virginia?

Bordering bodies of water

- Atlantic Ocean
- Chesapeake Bay



What **states** border Virginia?

Bordering states

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

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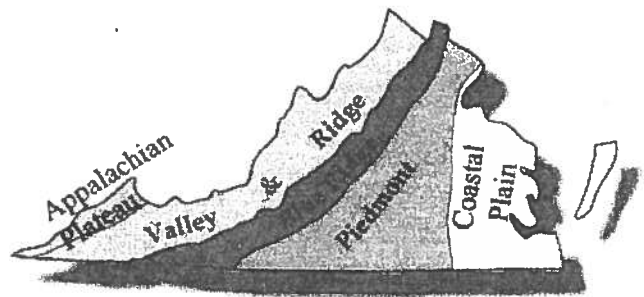
VA REGIONS

Locate and describe Virginia's Coastal Plain (Tidewater), Piedmont, Blue Ridge Mountains, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau.

Terms to know

- **Fall Line:** The natural border between the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont regions, where waterfalls prevent further travel on the river

What are the **five geographic regions** in Virginia?
How do they differ? Where are they located?



Geographic regions

Geographic regions have distinctive characteristics. Virginia can be divided into **five** 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

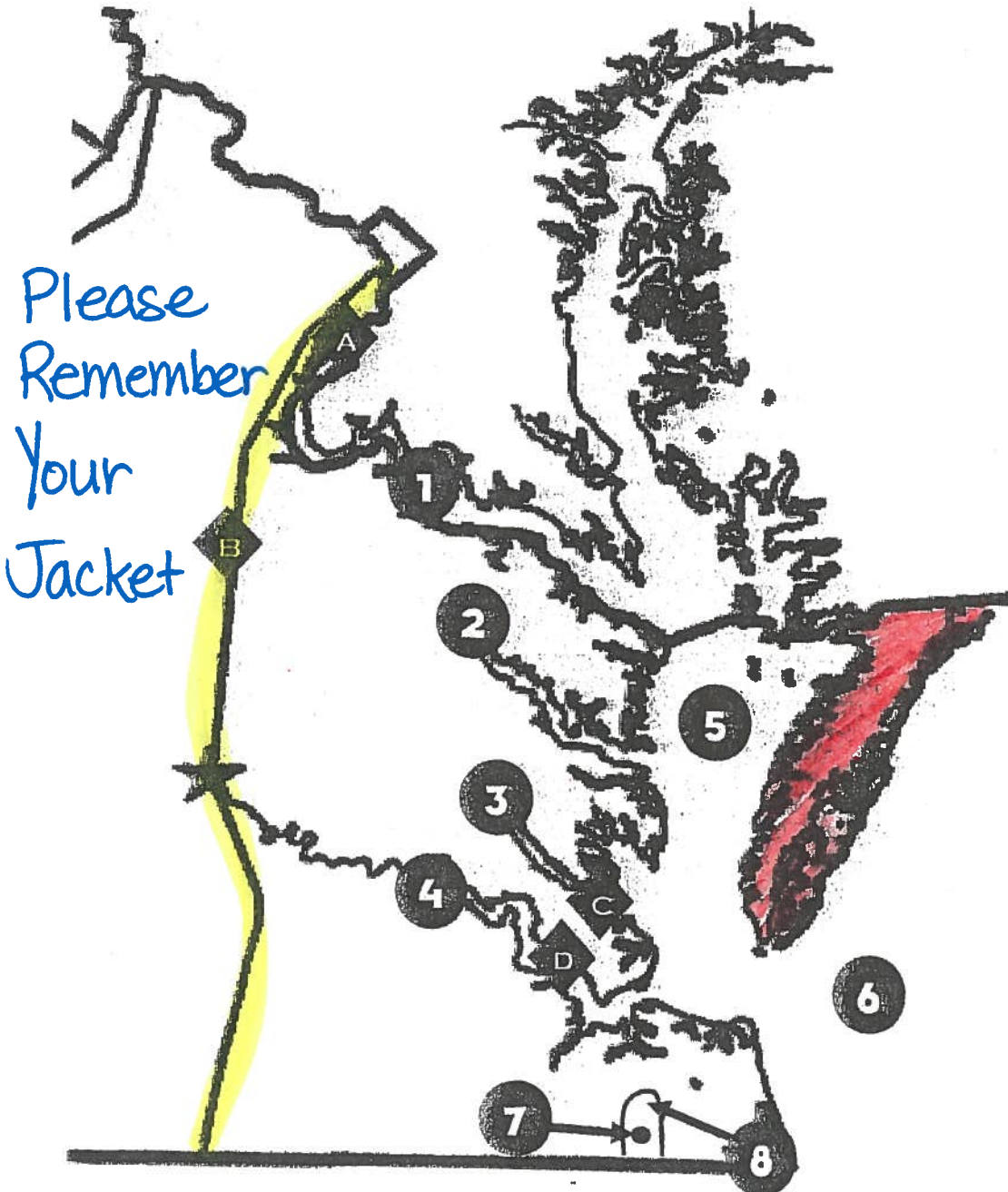
Appalachian Plateau (Plateau: Area of elevated land that is flat on top)

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

Virginia Waterways & Cities Review

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Label below each letter with the correct city and each number with the correct waterway name. Be sure to use the word bank below to help.



Please
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Waterways:

1. Potomac River
2. Rappahannock
3. York River
4. James River
5. Chesapeake Bay
6. Atlantic Ocean
7. Lake Drummond
8. Dismal Swamp

Cities:

- A. Alexandria
- B. Fredericksburg
- C. Yorktown
- D. Jamestown
- ★ Richmond

Other:

- Highlight the fall line with your highlighter or trace over it in yellow with a marker or colored pencil.
- Color the Eastern Shore red.

WORD BANK

Richmond	Yorktown	Potomac River
Alexandria	Chesapeake Bay	Atlantic Ocean
Fredericksburg	James River	York River
Jamestown	Lake Drummond	Rappahannock River
Dismal Swamp		