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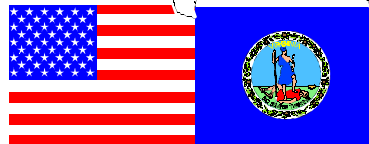
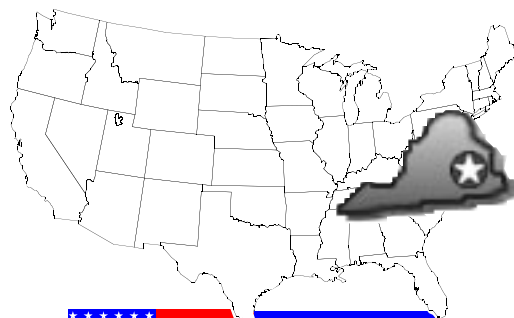
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Presents

VIRGINIA
A
STATE of the **U**NION



INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

The purpose of “A State of the Union” video series is to provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of the geography, history, and important developments of each state. Especially designed to appeal to younger viewers and closely aligned with state education guidelines, each up-to-date program covers early state history, geographic significance, the capital city, state government, famous citizens and the role of education and industry in the states vitality.

As a complementary device with each video, an instructional guide suggests exercises to help teachers, parents and students. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a student’s level of comprehension.

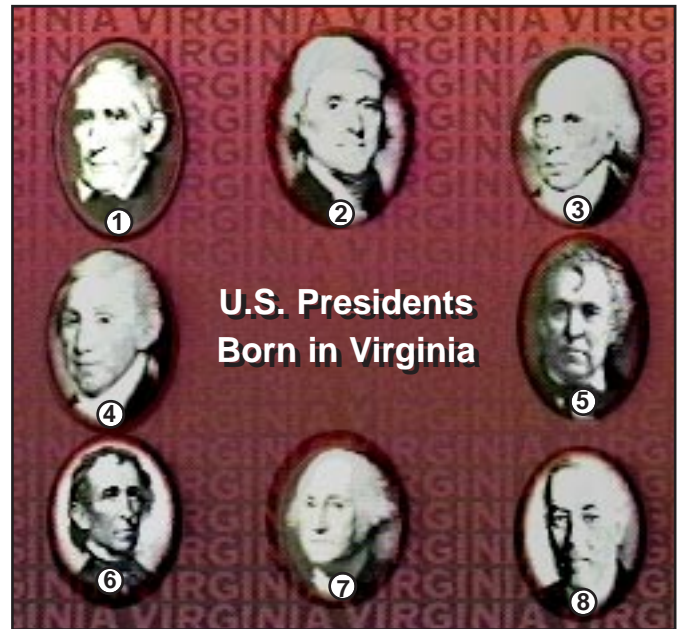
The instructional guide provides:

- Vocabulary
- Chronology
- People & Places
- Q & A
- Discussion Points / Activities
- Geography

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Known as the “Mother of Presidents”, Virginia is the birthplace of eight U.S. Presidents. On the solid black line, name each of these Virginia born Presidents. If needed use the answers list and/or review the video again.

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ANSWERS LIST :
1) William H. Harrison; 2) Thomas Jefferson; 3) James Madison; 4) James Monroe; 5) Zachary Taylor; 6) John Tyler; 7) George Washington; 8) Woodrow Wilson

VIRGINIA

Perhaps the most historical of all 50 states, Virginia was the first of the 13 original colonies. Virginia was also home to some of our most famous statesmen, people like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. Many sites in the state, such as Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown are also a central part of early American history.

But Virginia is a beautiful state too. Its lush thick forests, Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah Valley and scenic coastline along the Chesapeake Bay are all world famous. With over 100 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline, Virginia's sandy beaches stretch as far south as North Carolina.

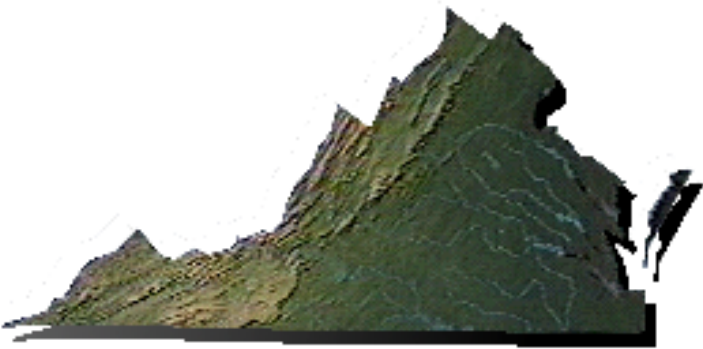
When the English colonists first arrived in the Virginia region Indian tribes from 3 major language groups lived there. It was from these tribes that the colonists learned to grow tobacco and devised a means to transport the dried leaves to Europe, introducing that continent to tobacco.

Wars, independence, declarations and constitutional documents have all kept Virginia well represented in any study of American history. Like the Revolutionary War, the Civil War also ended in Virginia.

Known as the "mother of states" as well as the "mother of presidents" the Virginia state government is located in the capital city of Richmond. The capitol building has endured a variety of changes and modifications over the years including the addition of an east and west wing. Richmond is also home to 14 fortune 500 companies. Situated along the banks of the James River, the capital city combines Southern charm and hospitality with intellectual sophistication.

Letters A thru D describe three Virginia cities and a county. Write the name of that city/county on the solid black line. Then with a Black Marker write the letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** to indicate where on the Virginia Map each city/county is located.

- A)** Is the present-day capital city of Virginia _____.
- B)** Where the last battle was fought during the Revolutionary War _____
- C)** Both Monticello (Thomas Jefferson's historic home) and the University of Virginia are located near this historic Virginia city _____
- D)** The grave of John F. Kennedy, the Pentagon and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are located in this famous Virginia county _____



Virginia Map

VOCABULARY of VIRGINIA

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: Burial site for thousands of men & women who gave their lives during military service. Included are the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY: The official U.S. intelligence agency responsible for national security and located in northeastern Virginia near Washington, D.C.

CHESAPEAKE BAY: a water inlet, 185 miles long, flowing from the Atlantic Ocean located along the states of Virginia & Maryland.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: A document adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776. Its primary author, Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, proclaimed the reasons for the separation of the 13 colonies from Britain. This document eventually became the preamble for the U.S. Constitution.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: One of three branches of the Virginia state government. Headed by the Governor of Virginia, the executive branch enforces the laws of the state. The Governor serves a 4 year term and is elected by the people of Virginia.

HOUSE OF BURGESSES: First representative legislative body in colonial America. This representative body first met in 1619 at Jamestown, VA. and included two citizens from each of the 11 subdivisions of Virginia.

JUDICIAL BRANCH: One of three branches of the Virginia state government. The judicial branch applies the laws for each individual case. This branch refers to both the judges and courts including the Virginia State Supreme Court.

GEOGRAPHY of VIRGINIA

The State of Virginia is bordered by **five states** and **two bodies of water**. On the solid black line name each of these bordering regions.

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| 1 _____ | 4 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 6 _____ |
| | 7 _____ |



Discussion Points / Activities

1. If possible visit some of the locations in Virginia as discussed in the video. For example Arlington National Cemetery (Arlington), the Capitol Building & Governor's Mansion (Richmond), Pentagon (Arlington), Mount Vernon (near Alexandria) or other significant places as noted in the video. Check out the internet for websites about Virginia's rich heritage.
2. Draw a map (if you like, use a computer or the map provided on page 12) of Virginia, indicating significant points of interest. For example, the capital city, (i.e. Richmond), important sites, (i.e. Monticello) Thomas Jefferson's historic home in Charlottesville, etc.
3. Virginia became a major influence during the American Colonies' fight for independence from Britain. Discuss the important role Virginia played during the American Revolution. (e.g. House of Burgesses, originated in Jamestown, VA the first representative legislative body from colonial America protested the British tax laws in support of the Boston Tea Party rebels; Virginia's Thomas Jefferson was the primary writer of the Declaration of Independence; Virginia's Constitution became a model for the United States Constitution; the last major battle was fought in Yorktown, Virginia., etc.)
4. Proceed as in discussion point #3 but instead of the Revolutionary War discuss the important role Virginia played **during the Civil War**.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: One of three branches of the Virginia state government. The legislative branch makes the laws of the state. This branch includes the Virginia Senate made up of 40 Senators and the House of Delegates made up of 100 members - all of which are voted into office by the people of Virginia.

MONTICELLO: Site of Thomas Jefferson's historic home.

MOTHER OF PRESIDENTS: Nickname given to Virginia because eight presidents were born there; George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, William Harrison, James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler, Woodrow Wilson and James Madison.

MOTHER OF STATES: Nickname given to Virginia because it originally included the present day states of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and West Virginia.

MOUNT VERNON: Site of George Washington's historic home.

PATRICK HENRY: 1775, at St. John's Church in Richmond, Henry pleaded for colonial independence. During his speech he recited the famous words, "Give me liberty or Give me death!" After Virginia adopted its first constitution and became an Independent Republic Henry became its first Governor.

PENTAGON: Military headquarters for the United States government, located in northeastern Virginia near Washington, D.C.

RICHMOND: Capital city of Virginia, located along the James River about 100 miles south of Washington, D.C.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: Born in Virginia, he later became the governor of Virginia and the 3rd president of the U.S. Jefferson also was the primary writer for the Declaration of Independence.

CHRONOLOGY of VIRGINIA

- **1607:** The first English settlement in America is organized in Jamestown, Virginia.
- **1619:** The House of Burgesses meets for the first time as a representative legislative body in Colonial America at Jamestown, Virginia. The session included two citizens from each of the 11 subdivisions of Virginia.
- **1624:** King James I declares Virginia a royal colony and appoints Royal Governors to rule the colony.
- **1699:** Virginia's capital city is moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg. During this time Virginia becomes the largest North American colony with a population of over 50,000.
- **1775:** The Revolutionary War begins and Patrick Henry pleads for colonial independence at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.
- **1780:** Because of the possible threat from British invasion, Virginia's capital city is moved from Williamsburg to Richmond.
- **1781:** The last major battle of the Revolutionary War is won by the Americans in Yorktown, Virginia.
- **1783:** Two years after the last major battle is fought in Yorktown, Virginia, the Treaty of Paris is signed which formally ends the Revolutionary War.
- **1788:** Virginia becomes the 10th state of the Union.

Fill in the blank by selecting the words from the answers list:

ANSWERS LIST :

Benjamin Franklin • Thomas Jefferson • Norfolk • West Virginia • Blue Ridge • Patrick Henry • Civil War • North Carolina • Charlottesville • George Washington • Maryland • Jamestown • Grassy Plains • Revolutionary War • James River • World War II • Hilltop Plains •

10. A) The 5 main geographic regions within Virginia include; Appalachian Plateau, Appalachian Ridge and Valley Region, Atlantic Coastal Region, Piedmont and _____ .

B) Throughout its history Virginia has had three capital cities —Richmond, Williamsburg and _____ .

C) 48 counties in Virginia refused to withdraw from the United States during the Civil War. These counties formed an independent government which later became known as the state of _____ .

D) The Declaration of Independence was primarily written by this famous Virginian _____ .

E) The _____ lasted about four years and took more American lives than any other war in history.

F) _____ pleaded for colonial independence. During his speech he recited the famous words , "Give me liberty or Give me death!"

Q & A for VIRGINIA

1. Name and define the three branches of the Virginia state government?
2. How many members belong to the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates?
3. Who elects the Governor of Virginia? How many years make up the Virginia Governor's term? How many terms may a Virginia Governor serve?
4. Virginia is known for two nicknames, "Mother of Presidents" and "Mother of States". Explain why Virginia is known for each of these nicknames.
5. Today where is the state capital of Virginia?
6. Virginia's Thomas Jefferson was the primary author of what major historical document?
7. Name the two wars which ended in Virginia.
8. During the Civil War which forces did Virginia join?
9. The Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency are two federal government headquarters stationed in Virginia. Define what each of these government departments do.

- **1789:** Original State Capitol Building is completed.
- **1861:** The Civil War begins. Virginia withdraws from the United States and joins the Confederacy. Richmond is chosen as the capital city for the Confederacy.
- **1863:** 48 Virginia counties refuse to withdraw from the United States. By remaining loyal to the Union these 48 counties formed an independent government which eventually became known as the state of West Virginia .
- **1865:** Like the Revolutionary War, the Civil War also ends in Virginia. The war lasted about four years and took more American lives than any war in history.
- **1869:** Virginia adopts a new constitution which allows Black people to vote.
- **1870:** Virginia is readmitted to the United States and Virginia's public school system officially begins.
- **1880's:** Manufacturing in Virginia continues to expand in the tobacco, cotton textile and shipbuilding industries.
- **1904-1906:** The east (House of Delegates) and west (Senate Chambers) wings are added to the Capitol Building.
- **1930's:** Federal Government creates more jobs to improve Virginia's economic development.

PEOPLE of VIRGINIA

ARTHUR ASHE: Born in Richmond, he became a well-known tennis player and whose statue was inaugurated at Monument Ave. (Richmond) in 1996.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON: Born in 1856, he became an American Educator and leading spokesman for African-Americans.

CYRUS HALL McCORMICK: Born in 1809, inventor of the mechanical reaper, an instrument to harvest grain.

EIGHT U.S. PRESIDENTS (Born in Virginia): George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, William Harrison, James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler, Woodrow Wilson and James Madison.

ELLA FITZGERALD: Born in 1911, Grammy-Award winning jazz singer whose nickname is "First Lady of Song".

MOSES MALONE: Born in 1955, a well-known basketball player.

TOM WOLFE: Born in 1931, American journalist and novelist who writes about today's American Culture.

WILLA CATHER: Born in 1876, American novelist and short-story writer. Her novels are mostly known for stories about pioneer life in Nebraska and the American Southwest.

PLACES of VIRGINIA

Consider visiting these important places in Virginia:

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: (Arlington) Burial site for thousands of men & women who gave their lives during military service. Included are the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the grave of President John F. Kennedy.

CAPITOL BUILDING: (Richmond) Original construction completed in 1789.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION: (Richmond) After the first governor's residence was destroyed, construction was started on the present-day mansion in 1811 followed by numerous renovation efforts.

MONTICELLO: (Near Charlottesville) Site of Thomas Jefferson's historic home.

MONUMENT AVE.: (Richmond) Site for many statues of famous people including Arthur Ashe and Robert E. Lee.

MOUNT VERNON: (Near Alexandria) Site of George Washington's historic home.

PENTAGON: (Arlington) Military headquarters for the United States government.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH: (Richmond) Site where in 1775 Patrick Henry pleaded for colonial independence. During his speech he recited the famous words, "Give me liberty or Give me death!"

UNIVERSITIES: Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond); Old Dominion University (Richmond); University of Virginia (Charlottesville). These are considered some of the finest educational institutions in the country.