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| **STUDY GUIDE** - SOL VS.2 Geography- Rivers, Regions and Indian Language Groups |
| **VS.2a - Virginia and the Bordering States**  |
| *What large bodies of water border Virginia?***Bordering bodies of water**•           Atlantic Ocean  •           Chesapeake Bay *What states border Virginia?* **Bordering states**•           West Virginia Acronym: **W**e•           Maryland **M**ight•           North Carolina **N***eed*•           Tennessee **T**hat•           Kentucky  **K**ey |
| **VS.2b-Regions of Virginia---***What are the five geographic regions in Virginia? How do they differ? Where are they located?***Terms to know****•           Fall Line:** The **natural** **border** between the **Coastal Plain (Tidewater)** and **Piedmont** regions, where **waterfalls, rocks, and rapids** prevent further travel on the river **five geographic regions****•           Coastal Plain (Tidewater)** **Flat** landLocation near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay (**includes Eastern Shore—a peninsula off the coast of the mainland of VA—it *is* a part of Virginia**)**East** of the **Fall** **Line**  •           **Piedmont** (land at the foot of mountain)**Rolling hills****West** of the **Fall Line**  **•           Blue Ridge MountainsOld,** **rounded mountains**Part of **Appalachian** mountain systemLocated **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** **Allegheny Mountains** are in the western part of this region(The Blue Ridge Mountains and the Valley and Ridge Regions including the Allegheny Mountains 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 plateau located in Virginia**Regions Acronym (West to East): A** **V**ery **B**ig **P**ot Fell **C**rack**🡪 Continued on next page 🡪 🡪****Rivers of Virginia - VS.2c - *Which water features were important to the early history of Virginia?*** **Water features****•           Atlantic Ocean:**            Provided **transportation links (**a way to get to other places in the world**)** between **Virginia** and other places (e.g.,  **Europe**, **Africa**, **Caribbean**)**•           Chesapeake Bay:**            Provided a **safe harbor**            Was a **source** of **food** and **transportation (and exploration)****The four major rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay are separated by peninsulas.****•           Potomac River P**ete            Flows into the Chesapeake Bay            **Alexandria** located along the **Potomac River****•           Rappahannock River R**ides            Flows into the Chesapeake Bay            **Fredericksburg** located on the **Rappahannock River** a**•           York River Y**ellow            Flows into the Chesapeake Bay            **Yorktown** located along the **York River** **•           James River J**eep            Flows into the Chesapeake Bay            **Richmond** and **Jamestown** located along the **James River****River Acronym (rivers north to south): P**eter **R**ides a **Y**ellow **J**eep**Major cities on major rivers acronym (north to south) A F**ox **Y**elled **R**un***How did water features influence the development of Virginia?*** ***How did the flow of rivers affect the settlement of Virginia?*****•**Water features were important to the early history of Virginia.**•** Many early Virginia cities developed along the **Fall Line**, the natural **border** between the Tidewater and Piedmont regions where the **land** **rises** sharply and where the **waterfalls** prevent further travel on the river.**•**Each river was a source of **food** and provided a **pathway for exploration and settlement** of Virginia.**•**Rivers flow **downhill** to the sea.***What is a peninsula?*** •           **Peninsula**: A piece of land bordered by water on **three** sides.***Where is the Eastern Shore located?***•           The **Eastern Shore** is a **peninsula** bordered by the **Chesapeake Bay to the west** and the **Atlantic Ocean to the east**. The **Chesapeake Bay** **separates** the **Eastern Shore** from the **mainland** of **Virginia**.* The **Dismal Swamp** is located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region and has a **variety** **of** **wildlife**. **George Washington** **explored** and **surveyed** the **Dismal Swamp**. **Lake Drummond** is a **natural lake** surrounded by the **Dismal Swamp**.

**Indians & Language Groups – VS 2d****•**American Indians were the first people who lived in Virginia. They lived in **all** areas of the state.There were **three major language groups in Virginia**.      ***Why are Native Peoples called Indians?*****•**Christopher Columbus called the people he found in the lands he explored “Indians” because he thought he was in the Indies (near China).***What evidence is there that American Indians lived in all areas of the state?*****•          Artifacts** such as **arrowheads**, **pottery**, and **other tools** that have been found tell a lot about the people who lived in Virginia**🡪 Continued on next page 🡪 🡪*****What were the three major language groups found in Virginia, and where was each located?*****Three major language groups****•      PAC1 (Powhatan, Algonquian, Coastal Plain, they were the 1st)**  **Algonquian** was spoken primarily in the **Tidewater** region; the **Powhatans** were members of this group.  ***Algonquian words used today: moccasin, raccoon, Chesapeake, tomahawk, opossum*** •        **PSM (Piedmont, Siouan, Monocan)** **Siouan** was spoken primarily in the **Piedmont** region. The **Monacans** were a part of this group. •        **CSI** **(Cherokee, Southwest, Iroquoian)** **Iroquoian** was spoken in **Southwestern Virginia and in Southern Virginia** near what is today North Carolina; the **Cherokee** were a part of this group.        **VS.2e   Virginia Indian Cultures have Changed Over Time*****What are some characteristics of Virginia’s climate?*****Climate in Virginia**•           The **climate** in Virginia is relatively **mild** with distinct **seasons**—spring, summer, fall, and winter—resulting in a **variety** of **vegetation**.**•           Forests**, which have a variety of trees, **cover most of the land**. **Virginia’s Indians** are referred to as **Eastern Woodland** **Indians.*****What are some ways Virginia’s American Indians worked with the climate and their environment to meet their basic needs?*****Environmental Connections**The kinds of **food** they ate, the **clothing** they wore, and the **shelter**s they had depended upon the seasons. •           Foods changed with the seasons.                         In **winter**, they **hunted birds** and **animal**s and lived on **stored foods** from the previous fall.                         In **spring**, they **hunted, fished** and **picked berries**.                        In **summer**, they **grew** **crops** (beans, corn, squash).                        In **fall**, they **harvested crops** and **hunted** for foods to **preserve** and **keep for winter**.•           **Animal skins** (deerskin) were used for **clothing**. •           **Shelter** was made from **materials around them**.**VS.2f Archeology**Recent archaeological digs have recovered new material evidence about **Werowocomoco** and historic **Jamestown**. **Werowocomoco** (pronounced weh-ro-wo-COM-o-co) was a large Indian town used by Indian leaders for several hundred years before the English came to Virginia. Werowocomoco was the headquarters of the leader, **Powhatan**, in 1607 (the year that Jamestown was settled).Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in America. Archaeologists have discovered the site of the original fort. The recovered artifacts give archaeologists clues about the interactions of English, Africans, and Indians in early Virginia.**VS.2g State-recognized Tribes in Virginia Today** American Indian people have lived in Virginia for thousands of years. Today **eight** American Indian tribes in Virginia are recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Coastal Plain (Tidewater) Region Piedmont Region**• **Chickahominy Tribe Monacan Tribe****• Eastern Chickahominy Tribe****• Mattaponi Tribe****• Nansemond Tribe****• Pamunkey Tribe****• Rappahannock Tribe****• Upper Mattaponi Tribe****American Indians, who trace their family history back to before 1607, live in all parts of Virginia today.** |
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August 23, 2016

Dear Parents,

Our **VS 2 unit test** will be given on **Friday, September 2nd.** As you can see by the study guide, this test will cover a large amount of material. Students should start preparing now by studying each night. Part of the homework in Virginia Studies from now until the test will be to review the study guide and notebook (there are maps in their notebook that are not on the study guide and need to be reviewed). You should see this assignment written in their agenda each day.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Katrina Grooms

Please verify that you have read this letter by signing below & have your child show me this tomorrow. Thank you! ☺

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