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VIRGINIA

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For students who:

- are emerging or non-readers
- take alternate assessments
- are in special education
- short-attention span
- lack pre-requisite skills
- benefit from the use of pictures for support
- middle/high school

Virginia for Special Education

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Special Needs for Special Kids



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Also included in this resource as separate files:

- Lesson plans
- Links and directions to digital activities
- PowerPoints **(these are the books in the lesson plan)**
- Voice recorded PowerPoint
- Activities in black and white

This unit contains 2 weeks of material in print and digital formats. I have included a detailed lesson plan to help you make the most of everything in this unit including how to add some group activities.

This unit comes in 2 separate files, one in color and one in black and white.

Day 6

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read or listen to the book: Virginia week 2 (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since this is the first-time students are seeing the book, I focus a lot on the pictures<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ask lots of questions about what they might think the pictures mean or may relate to• Make connections between book and vocabulary board (have students find relevant symbols on their boards to go with a concept or photo on page.)• Go through the book twice, once just looking at the photos and a second time reading the story	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book• Vocabulary board
Who am I activity (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>See directions on Day 3 or included with cards</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who am I cards (2 sets)
Close worksheet review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the close worksheet completed yesterday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close worksheet completed yesterday
Natural resources sorting (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do the sorting activity looking at things that are and are not resources that come from Virginia<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Students sort the resources into the correct column.◦ Add color-coding for those students who need more support.• Make connections to the book as necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sorting activity• Scissors• Glue
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each student shares their finished activity with the group using the communication method of their choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed activity• Communication devices

10 days

The lesson plans contain:

- Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs
- A quick look at what you will do each day
- Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run



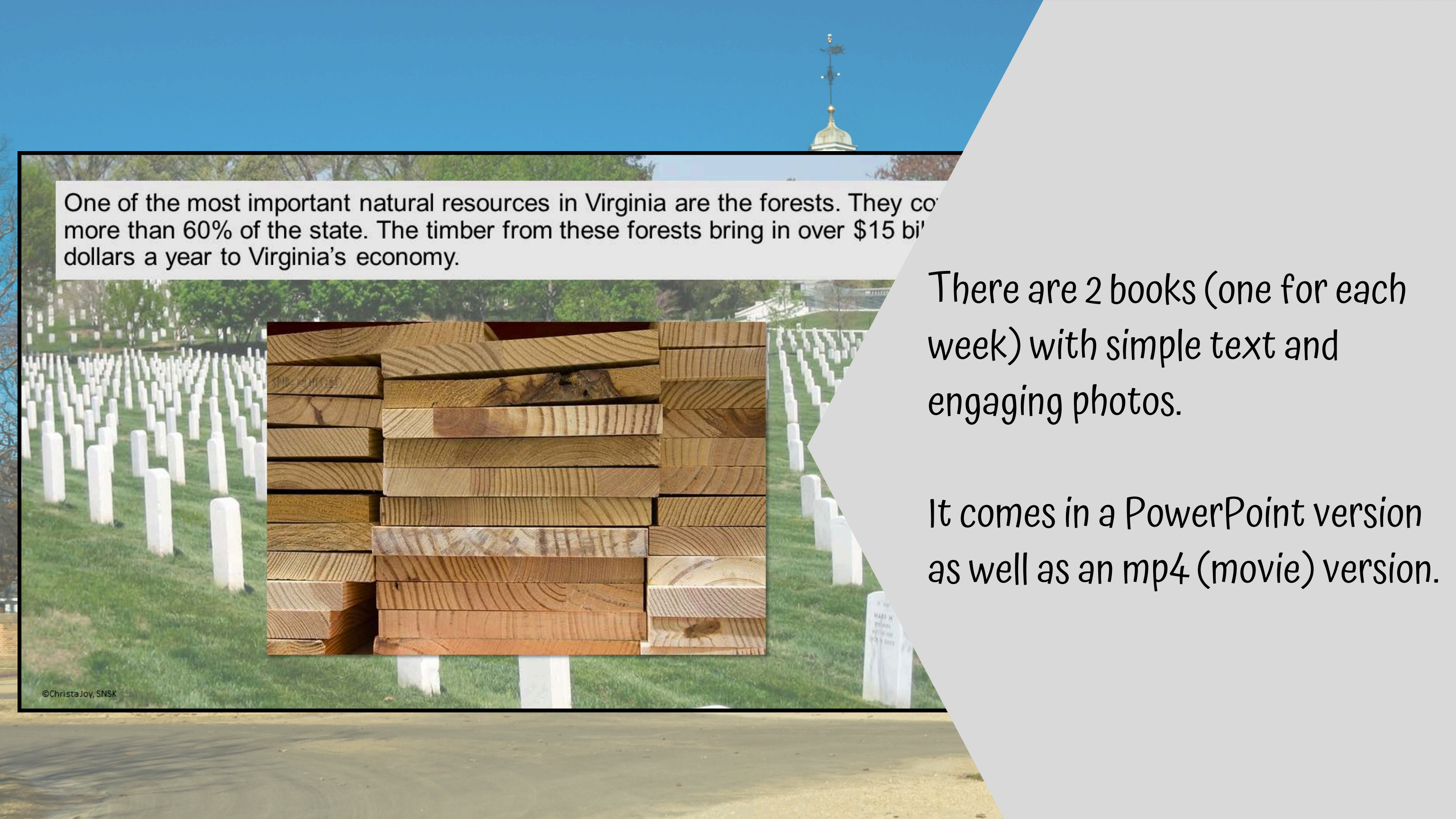
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This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

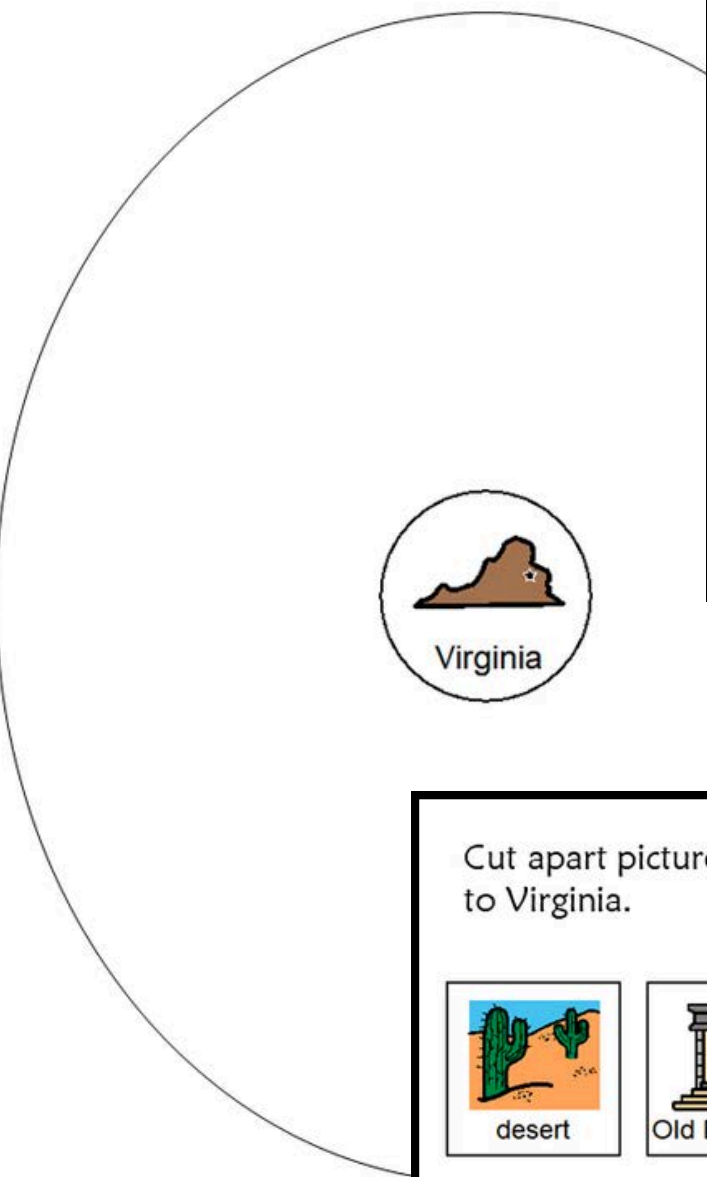
(There are NO vocabulary cards in this unit.)



One of the most important natural resources in Virginia are the forests. They cover more than 60% of the state. The timber from these forests bring in over \$15 billion dollars a year to Virginia's economy.










There are 2 books (one for each week) with simple text and engaging photos.

It comes in a PowerPoint version as well as an mp4 (movie) version.







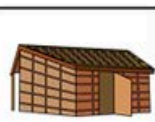









Errorless version

Cut apart pictures and place in circle map about Virginia.

 Richmond	 Old Dominion	1788	 first settlement	 many battles
 8 presidents	 The Pentagon	 Williamsburg	 fishing	 military

Cut apart pictures and place in circle map **ONLY IF** they relate to Virginia.

 desert	 Old Dominion	1788	 first settlement	 many battles
 8 presidents	 The Pentagon	 Williamsburg	 volcano	 military
 Richmond	 corn	 Statue of Liberty	 fishing	 Canada

There is a circle map reviewing some main facts about Virginia.

Circle maps are a great way for students to see the concept at a glance. There are 2 versions:

- One is errorless
- One has wrong answers mixed in, students will have to set aside

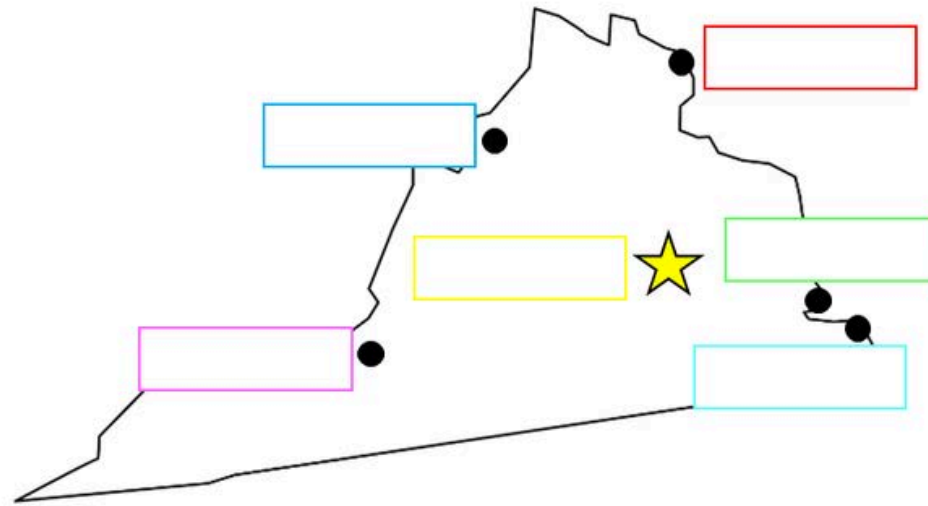
Color in the states using the key.

- Virginia red
- North Carolina yellow
- Tennessee pink
- Kentucky green
- Maryland orange
- West Virginia blue



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Label the cities in Virginia using the labels.



Newport News

Roanoke

Richmond

Harrisonburg

Alexandria

Virginia Beach

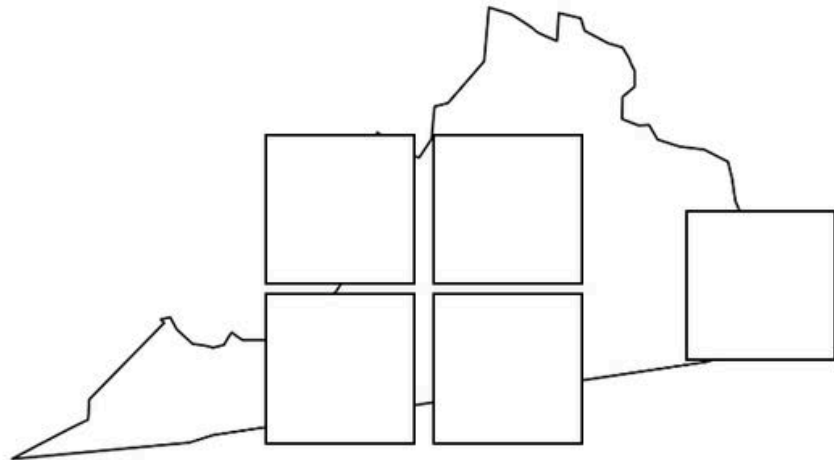
differentiated

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There are several maps to identify the state, surrounding states, and major cities.

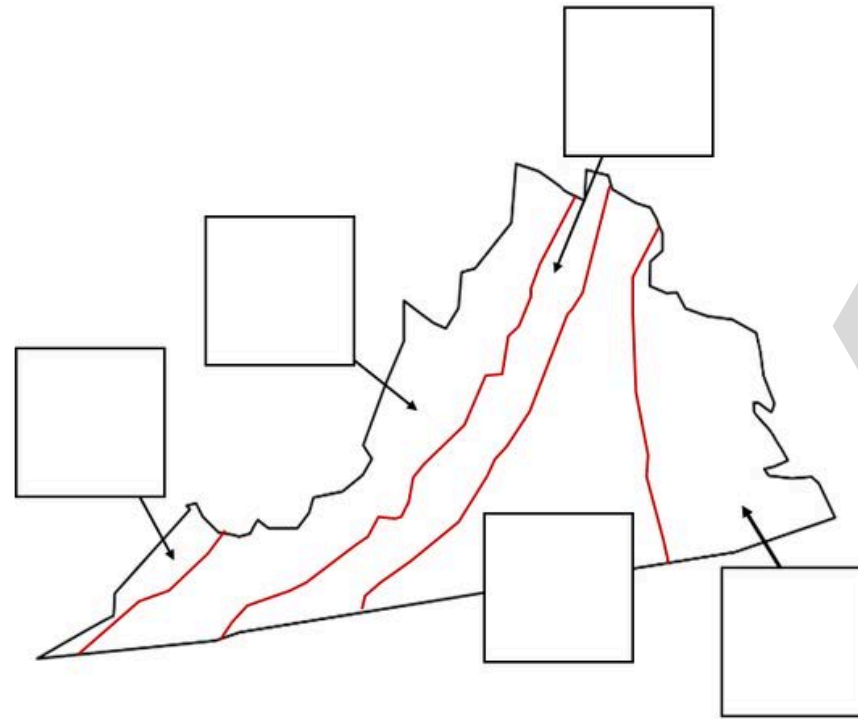
Differentiated versions are included.

What is the weather like in Virginia?



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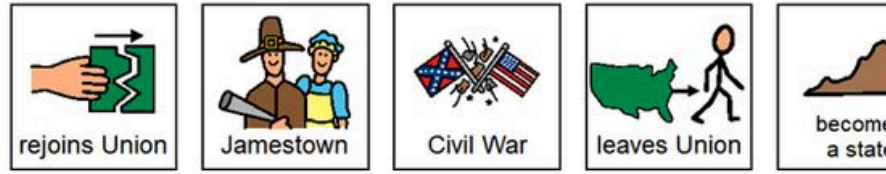
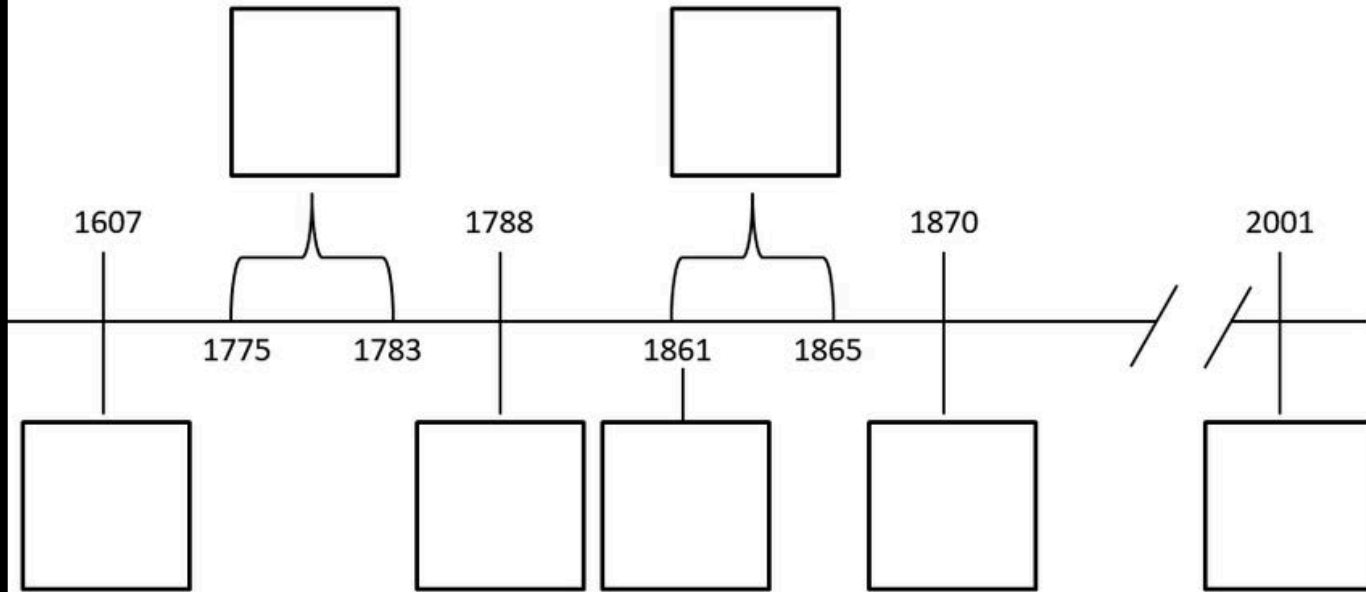
What is the geography of Virginia?



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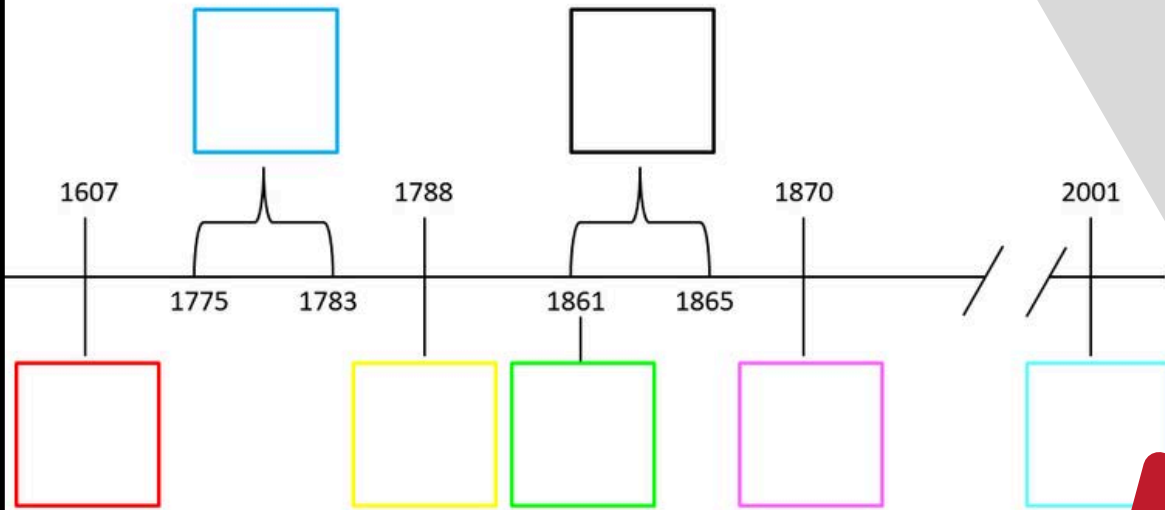
Students will identify how the climate and geography change across the state.

Virginia History



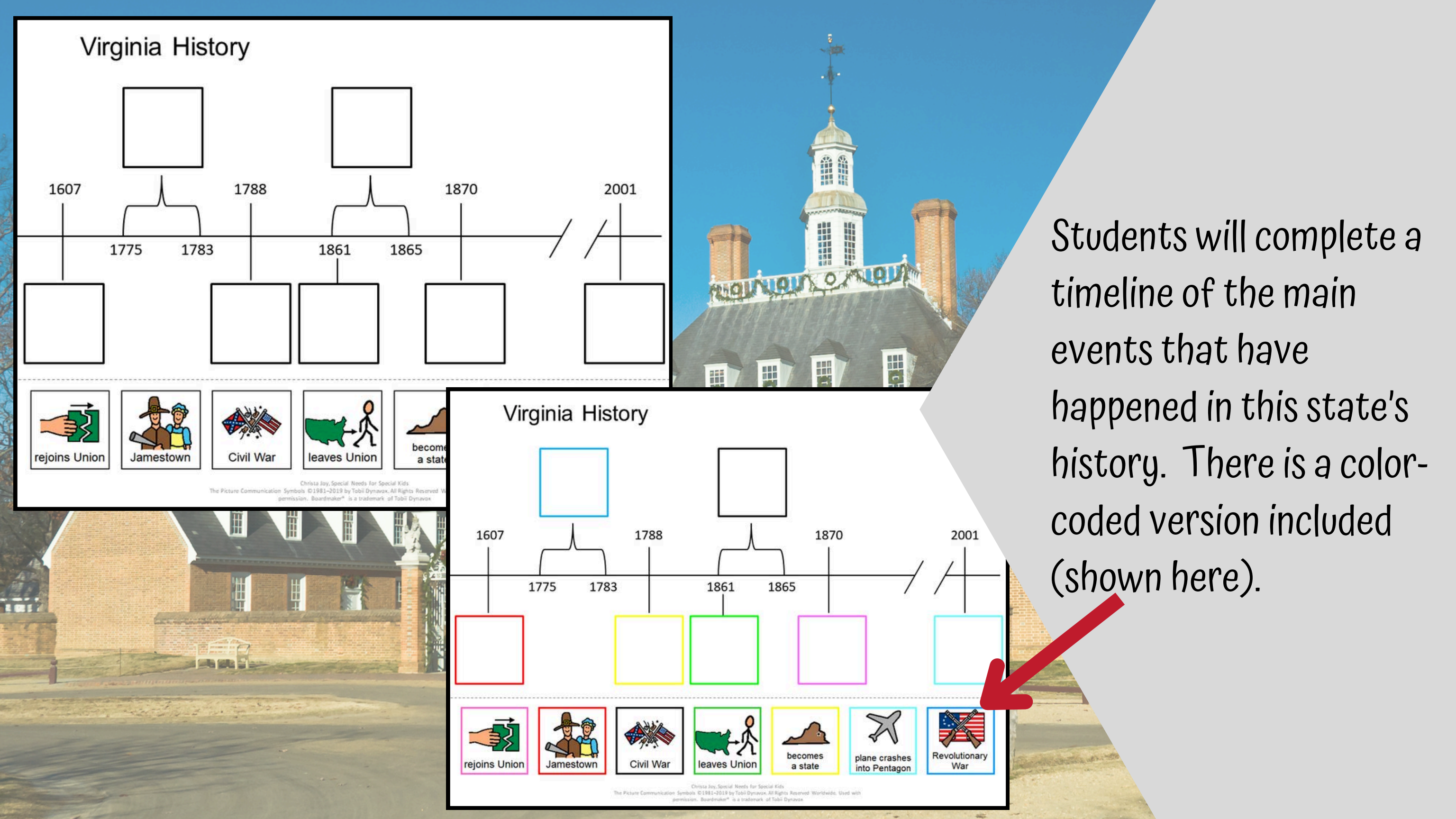
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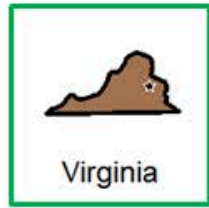
Virginia History



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Students will complete a timeline of the main events that have happened in this state's history. There is a color-coded version included (shown here).





Virginia



NOT Virginia



timber



scallops



citrus



crabs



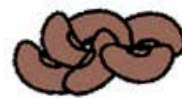
roses



bananas



tomatoes



soybeans



oil



coconuts



hay



coal



military



tourism



cattle



apples

Students will sort resources that do and do not come out of this state. These are covered in the books. Suggestions for differentiation are included.

What would you see at each landmark in Virginia?

 Jamestown	<input type="text"/>	 Williamsburg	<input type="text"/>
 Mount Vernon	<input type="text"/>	 Monticello	<input type="text"/>
 Arlington	<input type="text"/>	 Shenandoah park	<input type="text"/>
 Luray Caverns	<input type="text"/>	 Assateague Island	<input type="text"/>

What is each person from Virginia famous for?











George Washington	<input type="text"/>	Thomas Jefferson	<input type="text"/>
James Madison	<input type="text"/>	James Monroe	<input type="text"/>
William Henry Harrison	<input type="text"/>	John Tyler	<input type="text"/>
Zachery Taylor	<input type="text"/>	Woodrow Wilson	<input type="text"/>

Students will complete 2 matching activities that look at landmarks and famous people.

Match the item to each landmark on the previous page.

 horses	 Washington's life	 actors	 campground
 Tomb of Unkown Soldier	 stalagmite	 Jefferson's life	 covered wagon

Match what each person is famous for on the previous page.

 president	 president	 president	 president
 president	 president	 president	 president
 Civil War General	 exploration		

My trip

I traveled to Virginia, so I went to see .

went with me.

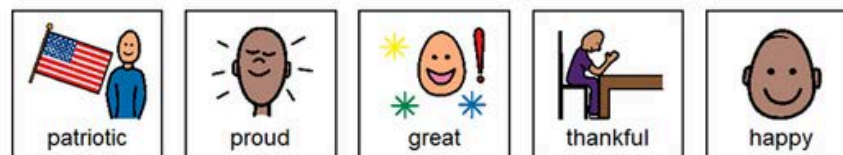
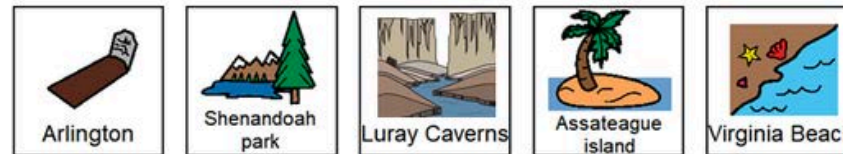


We also went to see .



I got a to remember my trip.

Visiting Virginia made me feel .



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There is a writing prompt for students to write about taking a trip to see Virginia. This is an errorless activity.

Who am I cards

- Give each student a set of Who am I cards
- Various options/ways to play, but the goal is to have students hold up the card you are talking about. Sometimes there can be more than one correct answer
- Things you can do:
 - Hold up a who am I card
 - Show a page from the book
 - Point to a symbol on the vocabulary board
 - Verbally describe something about Virginia.
- Tell a story as though you were visiting Virginia.
 - What do you see?
 - What is the weather like?
 - What plants or animals do you see?
 - Where do you live (city or country)?
 - What are you eating?

Group activity

There are large cards and directions for playing a "Who am I?" group activity.



Williamsburg



Mount Vernon



Monticello



Shenandoah Park

Bingo cards







- Included are 10 Bingo cards in color and 10 Bingo cards in BW.
- Place the cards in page protectors or laminate for long term use.
- **Cut one board apart to use as calling cards.**
- This is a great way to practice the new vocabulary included in this unit.
- Cut apart a set of the vocabulary cards to use as the calling cards.
- Options:
 - Show students the picture for them to match
 - Read the definition and see if students can find the matching picture
 - Work as teams
 - Vary the "winning" patterns.
 - Cover all
 - Cover corners
 - Row across or down
 - Cover the edges
 - Vary the ways to mark the card
 - Place in page protector or laminate and use dry erase markers
 - Stickers
 - Post-it notes
 - Dot markers

Virginia			
 Virginia	 8 presidents	 Williamsburg	 military
 tourism	 flag	 Pentagon	 fishing
 Arlington	 timber	 Richmond	 Jamestown
 internet	 Luray Caverns	 coal	 Old Dominion

Group activity

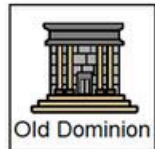
There are 10 color and 10 black and white Bingo cards included plus 10 different ways to use them and play Bingo. There are calling cards included. This is a great way to review vocabulary.

 coal	 8 presidents
 Williamsburg	 Virginia

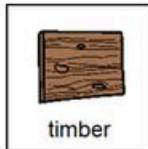
Calling cards included

Virginia (week 1)

1. is the capital of Virginia.
2. Virginia is know as the state.
3. was the first English colony in America.
4. wars were fought and ended in Virginia.
5. is one of Virginia's largest natural resources.



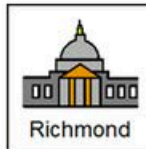
Old Dominion



timber



Jamestown



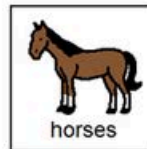
Richmond



two

Virginia (week 2)

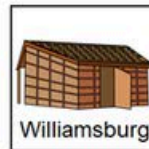
1. is a living museum where you can learn about colonial life.
2. Mount Vernon was the home of .
3. are buried at Arlington Cemetery.
4. You will find stalagmites and stalagmites in .
5. Wild live on Assateague Island.



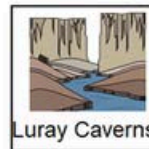
horses



soldiers



Williamsburg



Luray Caverns



Washington

Close worksheets are a great informal assessment. This unit has one for each week. Suggestions for differentiation are included.

Answer key included.

1. What is the capital of Virginia?



Washington, D.C.



Richmond



Virginia Beach

2. What is the nickname for Virginia?



Washington State



President State



Old Dominion

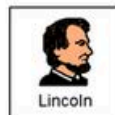
3. Monticello was the home of which president?



Washington

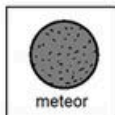


Jefferson



Lincoln

4. What crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001?



meteor



plane



rocket

5. What type of weather occurs near the coast in Virginia?



hurricane



tornado

Print onto cardstock or mount on index cards. Cut pictures apart and show student answer choices for each question.

Q 3



Washington



Jefferson



Lincoln

Q 4



plane



rocket

1. What is the capital of Virginia?

- A. Washington, D.C.
- B. Richmond
- C. Virginia Beach

2. What is the nickname for Virginia?

- A. Washington State
- B. President State
- C. Old Dominion

3. Monticello was the home of which president?

- A. Washington
- B. Jefferson
- C. Lincoln

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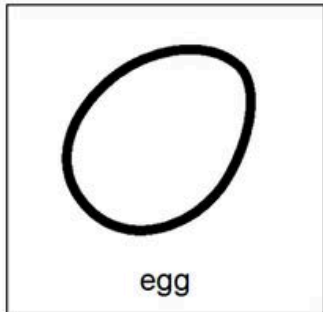
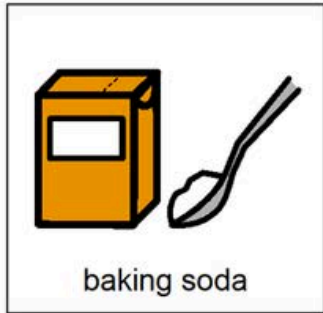
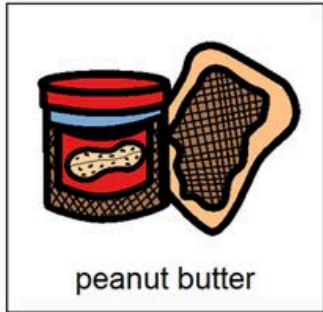
- A. Hurricane
- B. Tornado
- C. Blizzard

FINALLY the assessment!! There are 3 versions.

- 10 questions with 3 picture choices for each question
- cut out the answer choices and glue them on index cards
- traditional multiple choice

Answer key included.

Ingredient Labels



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Group activity

Included is a simple picture recipe for Virginia Peanut Butter cookies. There is an easy and harder version where students will brown ground beef.

This will wrap up this 2-week unit.



oven

1. Preheat oven to 350



mix

2. Mix for 2 minutes.

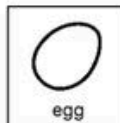


add



mix

3. Add and mix for 2 minutes



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Virginia



Week 1

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This unit also includes digital versions of the activities.

Students can watch a movie book version of the book rather than printing it out.

Great for review

6. Circle the industries and natural resources we get from Virginia.



7. Circle the landmarks you might see when you visit Virginia.



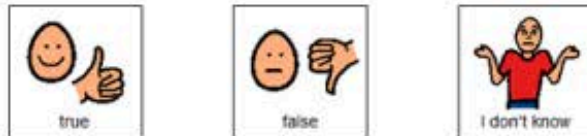
8. The largest what is located in Virginia?



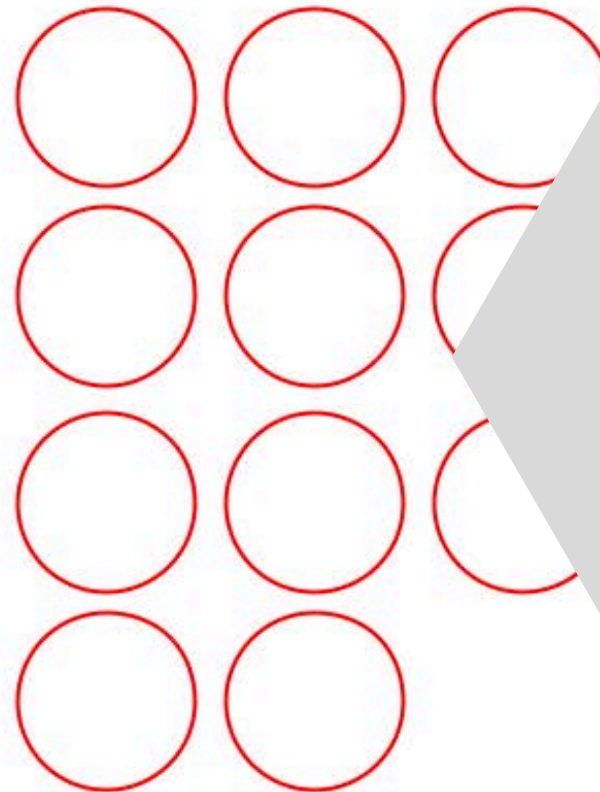
9. How many presidents were born in Virginia?



10. True or False. Virginia is sometimes called the Internet Capital of the World.

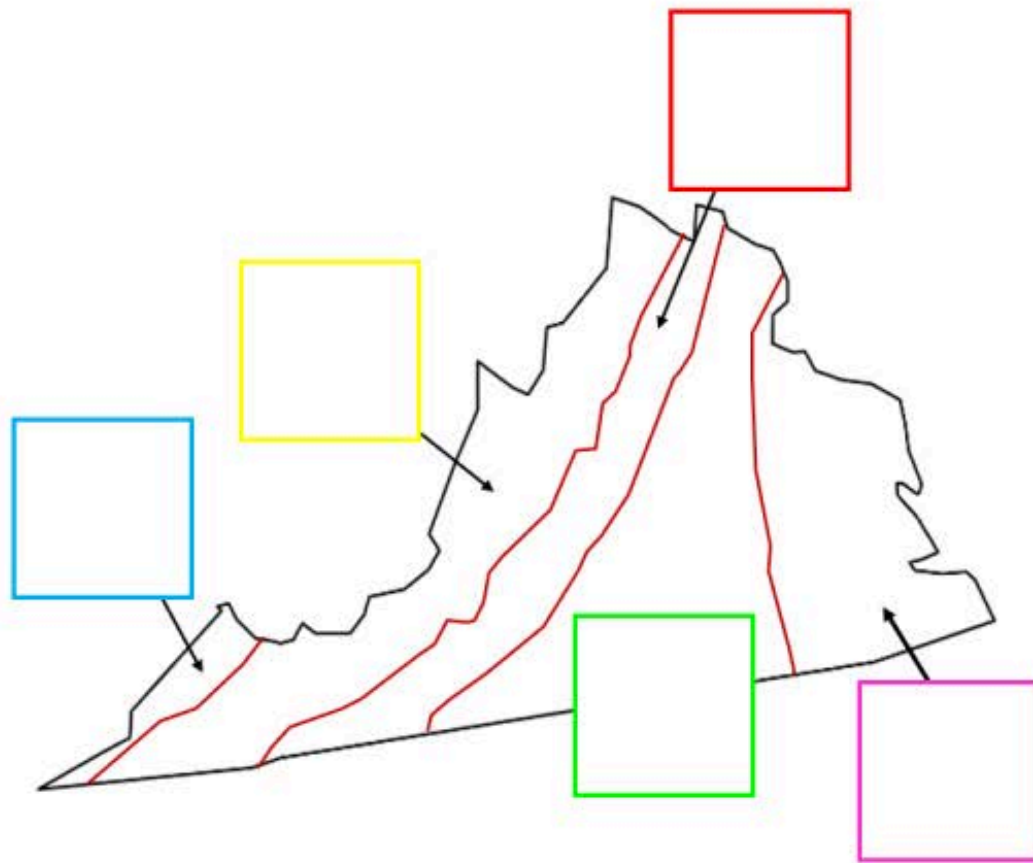


Circle the correct answer.



Each activity is set up so students can click and drag answers. No typing is required.

Perfect for every learning level



What is the geography like in different parts of Virginia?



Appalachian Plateau



Piedmont



Appalachian Ridge & Valley

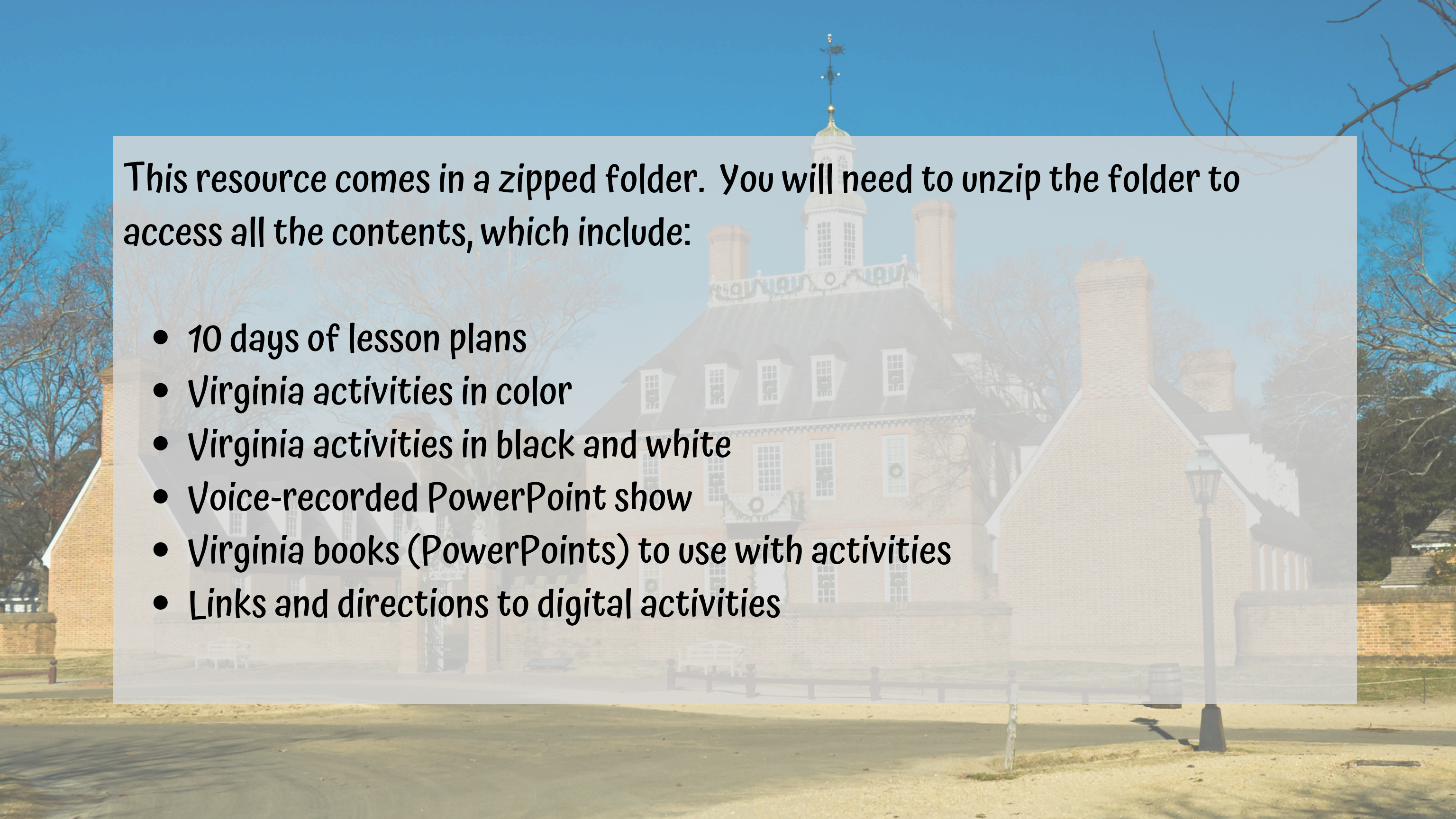


Atlantic Coastal Plain




Blue Ridge

The second set of slides uses color for differentiation and extra support for students who may need it. Mix and match slides from both sets to make the perfect set for each student.



This resource comes in a zipped folder. You will need to unzip the folder to access all the contents, which include:

- ***10 days of lesson plans***
- ***Virginia activities in color***
- ***Virginia activities in black and white***
- ***Voice-recorded PowerPoint show***
- ***Virginia books (PowerPoints) to use with activities***
- ***Links and directions to digital activities***



Starting in August 2023, I am starting on a project to create a 2-week unit for each state.

I am doing these in order of popularity.

If you would like me to do a unit on your state, send me an email at specialneedsforspecialkids@gmail.com. I will add it to the list.

I do plan to complete all the states at a rate of 1 per week.