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INTRODUCTION

The *History and Social Science Standards of Learning Curriculum Framework 2008*, approved by the Board of Education on July 17, 2008, is a companion document to the 2008 *History and Social Science Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools*. The Curriculum Framework amplifies the Standards of Learning by defining the content understandings, knowledge, and skills that are measured by the Standards of Learning assessments. The Curriculum Framework provides additional guidance to school divisions and their teachers as they develop an instructional program appropriate for their students. It assists teachers in their lesson planning by identifying the essential content understandings, knowledge, and intellectual skills that should be the focus of instruction for each standard. Hence, the framework delineates with greater specificity the content that all teachers should teach and all students should learn.

The Curriculum Framework consists of at least one framework page for every Standard of Learning. Each of these pages is divided into four columns, as described below:

Essential Understandings

This column includes the fundamental background information necessary for answering the essential questions and acquiring the essential knowledge. Teachers should use these understandings as a basis for lesson planning.

Essential Questions

In this column are found questions that teachers may use to stimulate student thinking and classroom discussion. The questions are based on the standard and the essential understandings, but may use different vocabulary and may go beyond them.

Essential Knowledge

This column delineates the key content facts, concepts, and ideas that students should grasp in order to demonstrate understanding of the standard. This information is not meant to be exhaustive or a limitation on what is taught in the classroom. Rather, it is meant to be the principal knowledge defining the standard.

Essential Skills

This column enumerates the fundamental intellectual abilities that students should have—what they should be able to do—to be successful in accomplishing historical and geographical analysis and achieving responsible citizenship.

The Curriculum Framework serves as a guide for Standards of Learning assessment development; however, assessment items may not and should not be verbatim reflections of the information presented in the Curriculum Framework.

STANDARD VS.1a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i

The student will demonstrate skills for historical and geographical analysis and responsible citizenship, including the ability to

- a) identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history;
- b) determine cause-and-effect relationships;
- c) compare and contrast historical events;
- d) draw conclusions and make generalizations;
- e) make connections between past and present;
- f) sequence events in Virginia history;
- g) interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives;
- h) evaluate and discuss issues orally and in writing;
- i) analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events.

The skills identified in standard VS.1a-i are cited, as applicable, in the "Essential Skills" column of each chart for Virginia Studies, with the exception of skill "h." Students should have opportunities to practice speaking and writing, but these skills will not be assessed on the Standards of Learning test. All other skills listed above will be assessed on the Standards of Learning test. Teachers should incorporate these skills into instruction throughout the year.

STANDARD VS.2a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by a) locating Virginia and its bordering states on maps of the United States.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Locations of places can be described in relative terms.	What are some ways that relative location can be described? What large bodies of water border Virginia? What states border Virginia?	Relative location may be described by using terms that show connections between two places, such as next to, near, and bordering. Bordering bodies of water • Atlantic Ocean • Chesapeake Bay Bordering states • Maryland • West Virginia • Kentucky • Tennessee • North Carolina	Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms and water features. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.2b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by locating and describing Virginia's Coastal Plain (Tidewater), Piedmont, Blue Ridge Mountains, Valley and Ridge, and Appalachian Plateau.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Geographic regions have distinctive characteristics. Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions.	What are the five geographic regions of Virginia? How do the geographic regions of Virginia differ? Where are the geographic regions of Virginia located?	 Fall Line: The natural border between the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and the Piedmont regions, where waterfalls prevent further travel on the river Geographic regions Coastal Plain (Tidewater) – Flat land – Location near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay (includes the 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 the Appalachian mountain system – Located between the Piedmont and the 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. 	Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms and water features. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.2c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by

c) locating and identifying water features important to the early history of Virginia (Atlantic Ocean, Chesapeake Bay, James River, York River, Potomac River, Rappahannock River, and Lake Drummond and the Dismal Swamp).

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
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 the Piedmont regions, where the land rises sharply and 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.	Which water features were important to the early history of Virginia? How did water features influence the development of Virginia? How did the flow of rivers affect the settlement of Virginia? What is a peninsula? Where is the Eastern Shore located?	 Terms to know peninsula: A piece of land bordered by water on three sides 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 George Washington explored and surveyed the Dismal Swamp. The Eastern Shore is a peninsula bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. 	Determine cause-and effect-relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.2d

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by d) locating three American Indian language groups (the Algonquian, the Siouan, and the Iroquoian) on a map of Virginia.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
American Indians were the first people who lived in Virginia. American Indians lived in all areas of the state. There were three major language groups in Virginia.	Why are native peoples called "Indians"? What evidence is there that American Indians lived in all areas of Virginia? What were the three major language groups found in Virginia, and where was each group located?	Christopher Columbus called the people he found in the lands he explored "Indians" because he thought he was in the Indies (near China). Artifacts such as arrowheads, pottery, and other tools that have been found tell a lot about the people who lived in Virginia. Three major language groups of Virginia • Algonquian languages were spoken primarily in the Tidewater region; the Powhatan were part of this group. • Siouan languages were spoken primarily in the Piedmont region; the Monacan were part of this group. • Iroquoian languages were spoken in Southwestern Virginia and in Southern Virginia near what is today North Carolina; the Cherokee were a part of this group.	Analyze and interpret maps. (VS.1i)

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STANDARD VS.2e

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by e) describing how American Indians related to the climate and their environment to secure food, clothing, and shelter.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Virginia's American Indians worked with the climate and the environment to meet their basic needs. Virginia Indian cultures have changed over time.	What are some characteristics of Virginia's climate? What are some ways Virginia's American Indians related to the climate and interacted with their environment to meet their basic needs? How do Virginia's American Indians live today as compared to the way they lived in the past?	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. Environmental connections The kinds of food they ate, the clothing they wore, and the shelters they had depended upon the seasons. • Foods changed with the seasons. – In winter, they hunted birds and other animals and lived on stored foods from the previous fall. – In spring, they hunted, fished, and picked berries. – In summer, they grew crops (e.g., beans, corn, squash). – In fall, they harvested crops and hunted for	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)
		 foods to preserve and keep for the winter. Animal skins (deerskin) were used for clothing. Shelter was made from materials found around them. 	
		Native peoples of the past farmed, hunted, and fished. They made homes, using natural resources. They used animal skins for clothing.	
		Today, most native peoples live like other Americans. Their cultures have changed over time.	

STANDARD VS.2f

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by f) describing how archaeologists have recovered new material evidence at sites including Werowocomoco and Jamestown.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Archaeology is another way to help people understand the past. Recent archaeological digs have recovered new material evidence about Werowocomoco and historic Jamestown.	Why is archaeology important? How can new findings change the understanding of history? What was Werowocomoco? What was Jamestown?	Archaeologists study all kinds of material evidence left by people from the past. Werowocomoco was a large Indian town used by Indian leaders for several hundred years before the English settlers came. It was the headquarters of the leader Powhatan in 1607. Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in North America. Archaeologists have discovered the site of the original fort. The recovered artifacts give archaeologists clues about the interactions of the English, Africans, and Indians in early Virginia.	Identify and interpret artifacts to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Pronunciation guide: Werowocomoco: weh-ro-wo-COM-o-co (The pronunciation guide for this word will not be assessed on the test.)

STANDARD VS.2g

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the physical geography and native peoples, past and present, of Virginia by g) identifying and locating the current state-recognized tribes.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
American Indian people have lived in Virginia for thousands of years. Today, eleven† American Indian tribes in Virginia are recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia.	What are the names of the current state-recognized tribes? Where are the current state-recognized tribes located in Virginia today?	American Indians, who trace their family histories back to well before 1607, continue to live in all parts of Virginia today. The current state-recognized tribes are located in the following regions: Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribe† Chickahominy Tribe Bastern Chickahominy Tribe Mattaponi Tribe Nottoway Tribe† Pamunkey Tribe Patawomeck Tribe† Rappahannock Tribe Upper Mattaponi Tribe Piedmont region: Monacan Tribe	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i) Pronunciation guide: Cheroenhaka (Nottoway): Chair-oh-en-HAH-kah (NAH-toh-way)† Chickahominy: CHICK-a-HOM-a-nee Mattaponi: ma-ta-po-NYE Nansemond: NAN-sa-mund Nottoway: NAH-toh-way† Pamunkey: pa-MUN-kee Patawomeck: Pət- OW-ə-meck† Rappahannock: RAP-a-HAN-nock Monacan: MON-a-cun (The pronunciation guide for this word will not be assessed on the test.)
		†Revised January 2013 The technical edits will not affect the Virginia Studies Standards of Learning test at this time. See Superintendent's Memo #014-13.	

STANDARD VS.3a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by a) explaining the reasons for English colonization.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Some European countries, including England, were in competition to increase their wealth and power by expanding their empires to America. The first permanent English settlement in America was Jamestown, founded in 1607 as an economic venture.	What were the reasons for English colonization in America? What were the reasons why the Jamestown settlers came to America?	Reasons for English colonization in America England wanted to establish an American colony to increase its wealth and power. • England hoped to find silver and gold in America. • An American settlement would furnish raw materials that could not be grown or obtained in England, while opening new markets for trade. Jamestown • Jamestown was primarily an economic venture. • The stockholders of the Virginia Company of London financed the settlement of Jamestown. • Jamestown, founded in 1607, became the first permanent English settlement in America.	Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.3b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by b) describing how geography influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Essential Understandings Location and physical characteristics influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.	Essential Questions Where is Jamestown located? Why did the settlers choose the site at Jamestown?	When the settlers arrived in 1607, they founded Jamestown on a narrow peninsula bordered on three sides by the James River. Today, Jamestown is located on an island in the James River. Reasons for site choice Instructions told the settlers to go inland and find a suitable place for their colony. The location could be easily defended from attack by sea (by the Spanish). The water along the shore was deep enough for ships to dock. They believed the site had a good supply of fresh water.	Essential Skills Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.3c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by

c) identifying the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London in establishing the Jamestown settlement.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The King of England had the power to grant charters allowing settlement in North America.	What was the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London to the Jamestown settlement?	Importance of Virginia charters The King of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London to • establish a settlement in North America • extend English rights to the settlers.	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.3d

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by
d) identifying the importance of the General Assembly (1619) as the first representative legislative body in English America.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
As Jamestown grew, its system of government evolved.	What was Jamestown's system of government called? What was the House of Burgesses, and why was it important?	System of government In 1619, the governor of Virginia called a meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly included two representatives, called burgesses, from each of the divisions of Virginia, along with the governor's council and the governor. They met as one legislative body. (At that time, only certain free adult men had the right to take part.) The current Virginia General Assembly dates back to 1619 with the establishment of the General Assembly and its burgesses in Jamestown. It was the first elected legislative body in English America giving settlers the opportunity to control their own government. House of Burgesses By the 1640s, the burgesses became a separate legislative body, called the House of Burgesses. They met separately from the Governor's Council as one of the two legislative bodies of the General Assembly.	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)

STANDARD VS.3e

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by

e) identifying the importance of the arrival of Africans and English women to the Jamestown settlement.

Jamestown became a more diverse colony by 1620. What was the impact of the arrival of Africans on the Jamestown settlement? What was the impact of the arrival of additional women on the Jamestown settlement? What was the impact of the arrival of additional women on the Jamestown settlement? African men and women as either servants or enslaved persons in Virginia is unknown. Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will in 1619. The arrival of Africans made it possible to expand the tobacco economy. The arrival of additional women in 1620 made it possible for more settlers to What was the impact of the arrival of Africans men and women from what is present-day Angola. The status of these early African men and women as either servants or enslaved persons in Virginia is unknown. Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and
establish families and a permanent settlement at Jamestown. historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.3f

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by

f) describing the hardships faced by settlers at Jamestown and the changes that took place to ensure survival.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The English settlers found life in Jamestown harder than they had expected.	What hardships did the Jamestown settlers face? What changes took place that resulted in survival of the settlers?	 Hardships faced by the settlers The site they chose to live on was marshy and lacked safe drinking water. The settlers lacked some skills necessary to provide for themselves. Many settlers died of starvation and disease. Changes that resulted in survival The arrival of supply ships The forced work program and strong leadership of Captain John Smith The emphasis on agriculture 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.3g

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by

g) describing the interactions between the English settlers and the native peoples, including the contributions of Powhatan to the survival of the settlers.

STANDARD VS.4a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of life in the Virginia colony by

a) explaining the importance of agriculture and its influence on the institution of slavery.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The success of tobacco as a cash crop transformed life in the Virginia colony and encouraged slavery.	What effect did agriculture have on the Virginia colony? How did agriculture in the Virginia colony influence the institution of slavery?	 Terms to know cash crop: A crop that is grown to sell for money rather than for use by the growers The economy of the Virginia colony depended on agriculture as the primary source of wealth. Tobacco became the most profitable agricultural product. Tobacco was sold in England as a cash crop. The successful cultivation of tobacco depended on a steady and inexpensive source of labor. African men, women, and children were brought to the Virginia colony and enslaved to work on the plantations. The Virginia colony became dependent on slave labor, and this dependence lasted a long time. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)

STANDARD VS.4b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of life in the Virginia colony by

b) describing how the culture of colonial Virginia reflected the origins of European (English, Scots-Irish, German) immigrants, Africans, and American Indians.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The culture of colonial Virginia reflected the beliefs, customs, and architecture of the Europeans, Africans, and American Indians living there. Although it was a colony of England, Virginia developed a unique culture different from that of England.	How did the culture of colonial Virginia reflect beliefs, customs, and architecture of Europeans, Africans, and American Indians? Where did the various cultural groups settle?	Culture of colonial Virginia Whenever people settle an area, they change the culture and landscape to reflect their beliefs, customs, and architecture. Examples of architecture that reflect different cultures include • barns • homes • places of worship (e.g., churches). Place names reflecting culture • English – Richmond • American Indian – Roanoke Settlement areas • English and other Europeans settled primarily in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and the Piedmont regions. • Germans and Scots-Irish settled primarily in the Shenandoah Valley, which was along the migration route. • Africans were settled primarily in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and the Piedmont regions, where tobacco agriculture required a great deal of labor. • Prior to the arrival of the settlers, American Indians lived throughout Virginia. After the settlers arrived, most were forced inland. Migration and living in new areas caused people to adapt old customs to their new environments.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.4c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of life in the Virginia colony by

c) explaining the reasons for the relocation of Virginia's capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Richmond.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
A variety of factors explain the reasons for moving Virginia's capital. England became Great Britain in the early 1700s.	What were some reasons why Virginia's capital was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg? What were some reasons why Virginia's capital was moved from Williamsburg to Richmond?	Reasons why the capital was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water. Unhealthy living conditions caused diseases. Fire destroyed wooden and brick buildings at Jamestown. Reasons why the capital was moved from Williamsburg to Richmond The population was moving westward. Richmond was a more central location. Moving to Richmond increased the distance from the sea and possible attack by the British.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Make connections between past and present. (VS .1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.4d

The student will demonstrate knowledge of life in the Virginia colony by d) describing how money, barter, and credit were used.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Money was not often used in the early Virginia colony.	What forms of exchange were used in the Virginia colony?	 Terms to know money: A medium of exchange (currency, which includes coins and paper bills) barter: Trading or exchanging of goods and services without the use of money credit: Buying a good or service now and paying for it later debt: A good or service owed to someone savings: Money put away to save or to spend at a later time Few people had paper money or coins to use to buy goods and services. Barter was commonly used instead of money. Tobacco was used as money. A tobacco farmer could use his tobacco to pay for goods and services. Farmers and other consumers could also buy goods and services on credit and pay their debts when their crops were harvested and sold. Colonial Virginia had no banks. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)

STANDARD VS.4e

The student will demonstrate knowledge of life in the Virginia colony by

e) describing everyday life in colonial Virginia.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Resources found in colonial Virginia were used to produce the goods and services people needed. Everyday life in colonial Virginia was different for whites, enslaved African Americans, and free African Americans.	How did resources influence food, housing, and clothing in colonial Virginia? How was everyday life in colonial Virginia different for whites, enslaved African Americans, and free African Americans?	People living in colonial Virginia depended on natural, human, and capital resources to produce the goods and services they needed. Food Food Food choices were limited. Meals were made of local produce and meats. Housing Most people lived in one-room houses with dirt floors. Some people (farmers) lived in large houses. Clothing Households made their own clothes. Most clothing was made of cotton, wool, and/or leather. Most white Virginians made their living from the land as small farmers. A few owned large farms (plantations). Most enslaved African Americans worked tobacco, other crops, and livestock. Enslaved African Americans had no rights. Many free African Americans owned their own businesses and property but were denied most rights.	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)

STANDARD VS.5a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the American Revolution by

a) identifying the reasons why the colonies went to war with Great Britain, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
England became Great Britain in the early 1700s. Conflicts developed between the colonies and Great Britain over how the colonies should be governed. The Declaration of Independence gave reasons for independence and ideas for self-government.	How did the colonists' ideas about government differ from those of the British Parliament? Why is the Declaration of Independence an important document?	The colonists and the British Parliament disagreed over how the colonies should be governed. Parliament believed it had legal authority in the colonies, while the colonists believed their local assemblies had legal authority. Parliament believed it had the right to tax the colonies, while the colonists believed they should not be taxed because they had no representation in Parliament. The Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson, states that authority to govern belongs to the people rather than to kings and that all people are created equal and have rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.5b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the American Revolution by

b) identifying the various roles played by whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians in the Revolutionary War era, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and James Lafayette.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Virginians made significant contributions during the Revolutionary War era. Whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians had various roles during the American Revolution.	What contributions did Virginians make during the Revolutionary War era? What roles did whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians play during the American Revolution?	 Varied roles of whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians in the Revolutionary War era Virginia patriots served in the Continental Army and fought for independence, leading to the British surrender at Yorktown. Some Virginians were neutral and did not take sides, while other Virginians remained loyal to Great Britain. Women took on more responsibilities to support the war effort. Some enslaved African Americans fought for a better chance of freedom. Some free African Americans fought for independence from Great Britain. Many American Indians fought alongside the Virginia patriots, while others fought with the British. Contributions of Virginians during the Revolutionary War era George Washington provided military leadership by serving as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Thomas Jefferson provided political leadership by expressing the reasons for colonial independence from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. Patrick Henry inspired patriots from other colonies when he spoke out against taxation without representation by saying, "give me liberty or give me death." James Lafayette, an enslaved African American from Virginia, served in the Continental Army and successfully requested his freedom after the war. 	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.5c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the American Revolution by

c) identifying the importance of the Battle of Great Bridge, the ride of Jack Jouett, and the American victory at Yorktown.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The Battle of Great Bridge was the first land battle fought in Virginia during the American Revolution. The actions of Jack Jouett prevented the capture of key members of the Virginia General Assembly. The last major battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Yorktown, Virginia.	What was the importance of the Battle of Great Bridge? Who was Jack Jouett? What was the importance of the American victory at Yorktown?	The Battle of Great Bridge was the first land battle of the American Revolution fought in Virginia. The American victory forced the British colonial governor to flee the City of Norfolk. Jack Jouett rode on horseback through the backwoods of Virginia to Charlottesville to warn Thomas Jefferson, then the governor of Virginia, that the British were coming to arrest him and members of the General Assembly. The American victory at Yorktown resulted in the surrender of the British army, which led to the end of the war.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships between water features and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.6a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the establishment of the new American nation by
a) explaining why George Washington is called the "Father of Our Country" and James Madison is called the "Father of the Constitution."

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The actions and ideas of some Virginians formed the basis for the new constitutional government of the United States.	Why is George Washington referred to as the "Father of Our Country?" Why is James Madison referred to as the "Father of the Constitution?"	George Washington, a Virginian, was elected as the first president of the United States of America. He provided the strong leadership needed to help the young country and provided a model of leadership for future presidents. Thus, he is often called the "Father of Our Country." James Madison, a Virginian, believed in the importance of having a United States constitution. He kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention. His skills at compromise helped the delegates reach agreement during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States of America. This earned him the title "Father of the Constitution."	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.6b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the establishment of the new American nation by

b) identifying the ideas of George Mason and Thomas Jefferson as expressed in the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom provided significant rights.	What key ideas of the Virginia Declaration of Rights are included in the Constitution of the United States of America? What key ideas of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom are included in the Constitution of the United States of America?	The Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by George Mason, states that all Virginians have many rights, including freedom of religion and freedom of the press. The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, written by Thomas Jefferson, states that all people should be free to worship as they please.	Identify primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.6c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role of Virginia in the establishment of the new American nation by c) explaining the influence of geography on the migration of Virginians into western territories.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Geography influenced the movement of people and ideas as Virginians moved to and beyond the Virginia frontier.	What geographic factors influenced Virginians to move to the western frontier of Virginia and beyond?	After the American Revolution, Virginia's agricultural base began to change, and as a result, large numbers of Virginians moved west and to the deep South to find better farmland and new opportunities. Tobacco farming was hard on the soil, causing many farmers to look west and south for new land to farm. Virginians migrated into western territories, looking for large areas of land and new opportunities. As Virginians moved, they took their traditions, ideas, and cultures with them. Settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains through the Cumberland Gap as they migrated to new lands in the west.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.7a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the issues that divided our nation and led to the Civil War by

a) identifying the events and differences between northern and southern states that divided Virginians and led to secession, war, and the creation of West Virginia.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Because of economic differences between the North and South, they were unable to resolve their conflicts, and the South seceded from the United States. Virginians were divided about secession from the Union, which led to the creation of West Virginia.	What conflicts developed between the northern and southern states in the years following the American Revolution and led to the Civil War? Why did Virginia secede from the Union? Why did West Virginia become a state?	 Differences between northern and southern states The economy in the northern part of the United States was more industrialized, while in the southern part, it was agricultural and relied more on slave labor. Northern states wanted the new states created out of the western territories to be "free states," while the southern states wanted the new states to be "slave states." Events leading to secession and war Nat Turner led a revolt against plantation owners in Virginia. Abolitionists campaigned to end slavery. Harriet Tubman supported a secret route that escaped enslaved African Americans took; it became known as the "Underground Railroad." John Brown led a raid on the United States Armory (Arsenal) at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. He was trying to start a slave rebellion. He was captured and hanged. After Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the United States in 1860, some southern states seceded from the Union and formed the "Confederate States of America." Later, Virginia seceded and joined them. Creation of West Virginia Conflict grew between the eastern counties of Virginia that relied on slavery and the western counties that did not favor slavery. Many disagreements between the two regions of the state led to the creation of West Virginia. 	Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.7b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the issues that divided our nation and led to the Civil War by b) describing Virginia's role in the war, including identifying major battles that took place in Virginia.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Virginia played a significant role in the Civil War and became a major battleground between Union and Confederate troops. Virginians played a significant role in the Civil War.	What major Civil War battles were fought in Virginia? Who were some of the leaders of the Civil War?	 Major Civil War battles fought in Virginia The first Battle of Bull Run (or Manassas) was the first major clash of the Civil War. Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson played a major role in this battle. General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, defeated Union troops at Fredericksburg, Virginia. Richmond was the capital of the Confederacy. It fell to General Ulysses S. Grant and was burned near the end of the war. President Abraham Lincoln used the Union navy to blockade southern ports. An important sea battle between the Monitor (Union) and the Merrimack (Confederacy), two ironclad ships, took place in Virginia waters near Norfolk and Hampton. The battle was fought to a draw. The Civil War ended at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, where Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant in April 1865. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.7c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the issues that divided our nation and led to the Civil War by

c) describing the roles played by whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians had various roles during the Civil War.	How were whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians affected by the Civil War?	Varied roles of whites, enslaved African Americans, free African Americans, and American Indians during the Civil War • Most white Virginians supported the Confederacy. • The Confederacy relied on enslaved African Americans to raise crops and provide labor for the army. Many enslaved African Americans fled to the Union army as it approached and some fought for the Union. • Some free African Americans felt their limited rights could best be protected by supporting the Confederacy. • Most American Indians did not take sides during the Civil War.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)

STANDARD VS.8a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by a) identifying the effects of Reconstruction on life in Virginia.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Virginians faced serious problems in rebuilding the state after the Civil War.	What were some of the problems Virginians faced during the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War? What measures were taken during Reconstruction to resolve Virginia's problems?	 Terms to know Reconstruction: The period following the Civil War in which Congress passed laws designed to help rebuild the country and bring the southern states back into the Union Problems faced by Virginians during Reconstruction Millions of freed African Americans needed housing, education, clothing, food, and jobs. Virginia's economy was in ruins: Money had no value. Banks were closed. Railroads, bridges, plantations, and crops were destroyed. Measures taken to resolve problems The Freedmen's Bureau was a government agency that provided food, schools, and medical care for freed African Americans and others in Virginia. Sharecropping was a system common in Virginia after the war in which freedmen and poor white farmers rented land from landowners by promising to pay the owners with a share of the crops. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.8b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by
b) identifying the effects of segregation and "Jim Crow" on life in Virginia for whites, African Americans, and American Indians.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The freedoms and rights that had been promised to African Americans were slowly taken away after Reconstruction, and it would take years to win them back.	What impact did "Jim Crow" laws have on whites, African Americans, and American Indians in Virginia? What happened to the rights of African Americans after Reconstruction?	 Terms to know segregation: The separation of people, usually based on race or religion discrimination: An unfair difference in the treatment of people During Reconstruction, African Americans began to have power in Virginia's government, and men of all races could vote. After Reconstruction, these gains were lost when "Jim Crow" laws were passed by southern states. "Jim Crow" laws legally established segregation, or separation of the races, and reinforced prejudices held by whites. Effect of "Jim Crow" laws on the lives of African Americans and American Indians Unfair poll taxes and voting tests were established to keep African American men from voting. African Americans found it very difficult to vote or hold public office. African Americans were forced to use separate, poor-quality facilities and services, such as drinking fountains, restrooms, and restaurants. African-American and white children attended separate schools. "Jim Crow" laws had an effect on American Indians. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.8c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the reconstruction of Virginia following the Civil War by

c) describing the importance of railroads, new industries, and the growth of cities to Virginia's economic development.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
After the Civil War, industry and technology, railroads, and cities began to grow and contribute increasingly to Virginia's economy.	What changes took place in Virginia to boost economic growth?	Virginia began to grow in many ways after the Civil War and Reconstruction. Virginia's cities grew with people, businesses, and factories. Railroads were a key to the expansion of business, agriculture, and industry. They facilitated the growth of small towns into cities. Other parts of Virginia grew as other industries developed. Coal deposits were discovered in Tazewell County. The need for more and better roads increased. Tobacco farming and the manufacture of tobacco products became important Virginia industries.	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.9a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Virginia by

a) describing the economic and social transition from a rural, agricultural society to a more urban, industrialized society, including the reasons people came to Virginia from other states and countries.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Essential Understandings During the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, Virginia changed from a rural, agricultural society to a more urban, industrialized society.	Why did Virginia change from an agricultural to a more industrialized society? What caused Virginia's cities to grow?	 During the early twentieth century, agriculture began to change. Old systems of farming were no longer effective. Crop prices were low. Growth of Virginia's cities People moved from rural to urban areas for economic opportunities. Technological developments in transportation (roads, railroads, and streetcars) helped cities grow. Coal mining spurred the growth of Virginia towns and cities as people moved from the countryside to find jobs. During the twentieth century, Northern Virginia experienced growth due to an increase in the number of federal government jobs located in the region. In the late twentieth century and the early twenty-first century, Northern Virginia and the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region have grown due to computer technology. People have moved to Virginia from 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g) Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)
		many other states and countries.	

STANDARD VS.9b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Virginia by

b) identifying the impact of Virginians, such as Woodrow Wilson and George C. Marshall, on international events.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Two famous Virginians, Woodrow Wilson and George C. Marshall, were important national and international leaders.	How did Woodrow Wilson's actions impact international events? How did George C. Marshall's actions impact America's role with other world nations?	Woodrow Wilson was a twentieth-century president who wrote a plan for world peace. George C. Marshall was a military leader who created an economic plan to ensure world peace.	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

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STANDARD VS.9c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Virginia by

c) identifying the social and political events in Virginia linked to desegregation and Massive Resistance and their relationship to national history.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
After World War II, African Americans demanded equal treatment and the recognition of their rights as American citizens. As a result of the Civil Rights Movement, laws were passed that made racial discrimination illegal.	What changes occurred in Virginia as a result of the Civil Rights Movement?	 Terms to know segregation: The separation of people, usually based on race or religion desegregation: Abolishment of racial segregation integration: Full equality of people of all races in the use of public facilities and services Desegregation and Massive Resistance in Virginia The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1954 (Brown v. Board of Education) that "separate but equal" public schools were unconstitutional. All public schools, including those in Virginia, were ordered to desegregate. Virginia's government established a policy of Massive Resistance, which fought to "resist" the integration of public schools. Some schools were closed to avoid integration. The policy of Massive Resistance failed, and Virginia's public schools were finally integrated. Harry F. Byrd, Sr., led the Massive Resistance Movement against the desegregation of public schools. 	Determine cause-and-effect relationships. (VS.1b) Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c) Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)

STANDARD VS.9d

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth- and twenty-first-century Virginia by

d) identifying the political, social, and/or economic contributions made by Maggie L. Walker; Harry F. Byrd, Sr.; Oliver W. Hill; Arthur R. Ashe, Jr.; A. Linwood Holton, Jr.; and L. Douglas Wilder.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Many individuals made political, social, and/or economic contributions to life in Virginia in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.	What contributions to life in Virginia in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries were made by Maggie L. Walker; Harry F. Byrd, Sr.; Oliver W. Hill; Arthur R. Ashe, Jr.; A. Linwood Holton, Jr.; and L. Douglas Wilder?	 Political, social, and/or economic contributions made by the following citizens Maggie L. Walker was the first African American woman in the United States to establish a bank and become a bank president. Harry F. Byrd, Sr., as governor of Virginia, was known for a "Pay As You Go" policy for road improvements, and he modernized Virginia state government. Oliver W. Hill, a lawyer and civil rights leader, worked for equal rights of African Americans. He played a key role in the Brown v. Board of Education decision. Arthur R. Ashe, Jr. was the first African American winner of a major men's tennis singles championship. He was also an author and eloquent spokesperson for social change. A. Linwood Holton, Jr., as governor of Virginia, promoted racial equality and appointed more African Americans and women to positions in state government than previous governors. L. Douglas Wilder, as governor of Virginia, was the first African American to be elected a state governor in the United States. 	Identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)

STANDARD VS.10a

 $The \ student \ will \ demonstrate \ knowledge \ of \ government, \ geography, \ and \ economics \ by$

a) identifying the three branches of Virginia government and the function of each.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Virginia state government is made up of three parts (branches) that ensure Virginia laws agree with the state constitution.	What are the three branches of government in Virginia, and what are the powers of each branch?	The government of Virginia is divided into three branches. • The General Assembly is the legislative branch of the Virginia government that makes state laws. It is divided into two parts—the Senate and the House of Delegates. • The governor heads the executive branch of the state government. The executive branch makes sure that state laws are carried out. • The judicial branch is the state's court system. The judicial branch decides cases about people accused of breaking the law and whether or not a law agrees with Virginia's constitution.	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)

STANDARD VS.10b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of government, geography, and economics by b) describing the major products and industries of Virginia's five geographic regions.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
The state of Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions. Certain products and industries characterize each region.	What are the major products and industries of each region in Virginia?	Selected examples of products and industries Coastal Plain (Tidewater) Products: seafood, peanuts Industries: shipbuilding, tourism, military bases Piedmont Products: tobacco products, information technology Industries: federal and state government, farming, horse industry Blue Ridge Mountains Products: apples Industries: recreation, farming Valley and Ridge Products: poultry, apples, dairy, beef Industries: farming Appalachian Plateau Products: coal Industries: coal mining	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e) Analyze and interpret maps. (VS.1i)

STANDARD VS.10c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of government, geography, and economics by

c) explaining how advances in transportation, communications, and technology have contributed to Virginia's prosperity and role in the global economy.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Advances in transportation, communications, and technology have facilitated migration and led to economic development in Virginia. Industries in Virginia produce goods and services used throughout the United States.	How have advances in transportation facilitated migration and economic growth? How have advances in communications and technology helped the economy of Virginia grow? In what ways is Virginia part of the U.S. economy?	Virginia's transportation system (highways, railroads, air transportation, shipping) moves raw materials to factories and finished products to markets. Virginia exports agricultural and manufactured products, including tobacco, poultry, coal, and large ships. Virginia has a large number of communications and other technology industries. Tourism is a major part of Virginia's economy. Because many federal government workers live and/or work in Virginia, the federal government has a significant impact on Virginia's economy.	Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d) Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)