



Curriculum Framework

Virginia Studies

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

The student will develop skills for historical and geographical analysis 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 in the “Essential Skills” column of each chart for *Virginia Studies* with the exception of “h” (evaluate and discuss issues orally and in writing). 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 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 geography and early inhabitants 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 using terms that show connections between two places such as “next to,” “near,” “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 geography and early inhabitants of Virginia by

b) 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
<p>Geographic regions have distinctive characteristics.</p> <p>Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions.</p>	<p>What are the five geographic regions in Virginia?</p> <p>How do the geographic regions of Virginia differ?</p> <p>Where are the geographic regions of Virginia located?</p>	<p>Terms to know</p> <p>Fall Line: The natural border between the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont regions, where waterfalls prevent further travel on the river</p> <p>Geographic regions</p> <p>Coastal Plain (Tidewater)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Flat land – Location near Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay (includes Eastern Shore) – East of the Fall Line <p>Piedmont (land at the foot of mountains)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rolling hills – West of the Fall Line <p>Blue Ridge Mountains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Old, rounded mountains – Part of Appalachian mountain system – Located between the Piedmont and Valley and Ridge regions – Source of many rivers 	<p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms and water features. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.2b (continued)

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the geography and early inhabitants of Virginia by

b) 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
		<p>Valley and Ridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 <p>Appalachian Plateau (Plateau: Area of elevated land that is flat on top)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Located in Southwest Virginia- Only a small part of plateau located in Virginia	

STANDARD VS.2c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the geography and early inhabitants 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, and Rappahannock River).

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Water features were important to the early history of Virginia.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rivers flow downhill to the sea.</p> <p>The four major rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay are separated by peninsulas.</p> <p>The Chesapeake Bay separates the Eastern Shore from the mainland of Virginia.</p>	<p>Which water features were important to the early history of Virginia?</p> <p>How did water features influence the development of Virginia?</p> <p>How did the flow of rivers affect the settlement of Virginia?</p> <p>What is a peninsula?</p> <p>Where is the Eastern Shore located?</p>	<p>Terms to know Peninsula: A piece of land bordered by water on three sides.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.2c (continued)

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the geography and the early inhabitants 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, and Rappahannock River).

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
		<p>Rappahannock River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Flows into the Chesapeake Bay- Fredericksburg located on the Rappahannock River <p>Each river was a source of food and provided a pathway for exploration and settlement of Virginia.</p> <p>The Eastern Shore is a peninsula bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.</p>	

STANDARD VS.2d

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the geography and early inhabitants of Virginia by

d) locating three American Indian (First American) language groups (the Algonquian, the Siouan, and the Iroquoian) on a map of Virginia.

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

STANDARD VS.2e

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the geography and early inhabitants of Virginia by

e) describing how American Indians (First Americans) adapted to the climate and their environment to secure food, clothing, and shelter.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Virginia’s American Indians (First Americans) interacted with the climate and their environment to meet their basic needs.</p>	<p>What are some characteristics of Virginia’s climate?</p> <p>What are some ways Virginia’s American Indians (First Americans) adapted to the climate and interacted with their environment to meet their basic needs?</p>	<p>Climate in Virginia The climate in Virginia is relatively mild with distinct seasons—spring, summer, fall, and winter—resulting in a variety of vegetation.</p> <p>Forests, which have a variety of trees, cover most of the land. Virginia’s Indians are referred to as Eastern Woodland Indians.</p> <p>Adaptation to environment The kinds of food they ate, the clothing they wore, and the shelters they had depended upon the seasons.</p> <p>Foods changed with the seasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In winter, they hunted birds and animals. – In spring, they fished and picked berries. – In summer, they grew crops (beans, corn, squash). – In fall, they harvested crops. <p>Animal skins (deerskin) were used for clothing.</p> <p>Shelter was made from materials around them.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

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

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

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
<p>The King of England had the power to grant charters allowing settlement in North America.</p>	<p>What was the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London to the Jamestown settlement?</p>	<p>Importance of Virginia charters The King of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London. The charters gave the Virginia Company the right to establish a settlement in North America. The first charter of the Virginia Company of London established companies to begin colonies in the New World. The charters extended English rights to the colonists.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

STANDARD VS.3d

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

d) identifying the importance of the Virginia Assembly (1619) as the first representative legislative body in English America.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>As Jamestown grew, the system of government evolved.</p>	<p>What was this system of government called?</p> <p>What was the Virginia House of Burgesses, and why was it important?</p>	<p>System of government In 1619, the governor of Virginia called a meeting of the Virginia Assembly. The Assembly included two citizen representatives (called “burgesses”) from each of the divisions of Virginia, the governor’s council, and the governor. (At that time, only adult men were considered citizens.)</p> <p>By the 1640s, the burgesses became a separate legislative body, called the Virginia House of Burgesses.</p> <p>Virginia House of Burgesses The Virginia House of Burgesses was the first elected legislative body in America giving settlers the opportunity to control their own government. It became the General Assembly of Virginia, which continues to this day.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p>

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 women to the Jamestown settlement.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
Jamestown became a more diverse colony by 1620.	What was the impact of the arrival of women on the Jamestown settlement? What was the impact of the arrival of Africans on the Jamestown settlement?	The arrival of women in 1620 made it possible for the settlers to establish families and a more permanent settlement at Jamestown. Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will. It is believed that they arrived as baptized Christians and therefore were labeled indentured servants for a period of 5 to 7 years. The arrival of Africans made it possible to expand the tobacco economy.	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.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
<p>The English colonists found life in Jamestown harder than they had expected.</p>	<p>What hardships did the Jamestown settlers face?</p> <p>What changes took place to ensure survival?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Changes that ensured survival The arrival of two supply ships, the forced work program and strong leadership of Captain John Smith, and the emphasis on self-sustaining agriculture ensured survival of the colony.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

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 Powhatan people, including the contributions of the Powhatans to the survival of the settlers.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>The Powhatan people and the English settlers at Jamestown established trading relationships and for a while had positive interactions.</p>	<p>How did the Powhatan people and the English settlers interact?</p> <p>Why did the relationship between the Jamestown settlers and the Powhatans change?</p>	<p>Captain John Smith initiated trading relationships with the Powhatans.</p> <p>The Powhatans traded food, furs, and leather with the English in exchange for tools, pots, guns, and other goods.</p> <p>The Powhatan people contributed to the survival of the Jamestown settlers in several ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, believed the English and American Indians (First Americans) could live in harmony.Pocahontas began a friendship with the colonists that helped them survive.The Powhatans introduced new crops to the English, including corn and tobacco. <p>The Powhatan people realized the English settlement would continue to grow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Powhatans saw the colonists as invaders that would take over their land.	<p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

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
<p>The success of tobacco as a cash crop transformed life in the Virginia colony and encouraged slavery.</p>	<p>What effect did agriculture have on the Virginia colony?</p> <p>How did agriculture in the Virginia colony influence the institution of slavery?</p>	<p>Terms to know Cash crop: A crop that is grown to sell for money rather than for use by the growers</p> <p>The economy of the Virginia colony depended on agriculture as a primary source of wealth.</p> <p>Tobacco became the most profitable agricultural product. Tobacco was sold in England as a cash crop.</p> <p>The successful planting of tobacco depended on a reliable and inexpensive source of labor. Large numbers of Africans were brought to the colony against their will to work as slaves on the plantations. The Virginia colony became dependent on slave labor, and the dependence lasted a long time.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p>

STANDARD VS.4b

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

b) describing how European (English, Scotch-Irish, German) immigrants, Africans, and American Indians (First Americans) influenced the cultural landscape and changed the relationship between the Virginia colony and England.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Cultural landscapes reflect beliefs, customs, and architecture of people living in those areas.</p> <p>Although a colony of England, Virginia developed a unique culture different from that of England.</p>	<p>How do cultural landscapes reflect beliefs, customs, and architecture of people?</p> <p>Where did the various cultural groups settle?</p> <p>How did the relationship between the Virginia colony and England change over time?</p>	<p>Cultural landscapes Whenever people settle an area, they change the landscape to reflect the beliefs, customs, and architecture of their culture. Examples of cultural landscapes include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barns Homes Places of worship (e.g., churches) <p>Place names reflecting culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English—Richmond American Indian (First American)—Roanoke <p>Settlement areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English settled primarily in Tidewater and Piedmont regions. Germans and Scotch-Irish settled primarily in the Shenandoah Valley, which was along the migration route. Africans settled primarily in the Tidewater and Piedmont regions, where agriculture required a great deal of labor. 	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.4b (continued)

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- b) describing how European (English, Scotch-Irish, German) immigrants, Africans, and American Indians (First Americans) influenced the cultural landscape and changed the relationship between the Virginia colony and England.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
		<p>American Indians (First Americans) were primarily in the Tidewater and Piedmont regions and the Appalachian Plateau, where their traditional homelands were located.</p> <p>Migration and living in new areas caused people to adapt old customs to their new environment.</p> <p>The culture of Virginia reflected American Indian (First American), African, and European origins.</p>	

STANDARD VS.4c

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

c) explaining how geography influenced the relocation of Virginia’s capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Richmond.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Geographical factors often influence the location of a capital.</p>	<p>What are some factors that influenced the move of the capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg?</p> <p>What factors influenced the move of the capital from Williamsburg to Richmond?</p>	<p>Factors related to move from Jamestown to Williamsburg Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water. Dirty living conditions caused diseases. Williamsburg was situated at a higher elevation than Jamestown. Fire destroyed wooden buildings at Jamestown.</p> <p>Factors related to move from Williamsburg to Richmond Population was moving westward. Richmond was a more central location. Richmond’s location was better for trade. Moving to Richmond increased the distance from attack by the English.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

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
<p>Money was not commonly used in early agricultural societies.</p>	<p>What forms of exchange were used in the Virginia colony?</p>	<p>Terms to know Money: A medium of exchange (currency, which includes coins and paper bills) Barter: Trading/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 another Saving: Money put away to save or to spend at a later time</p> <p>Few people had paper money and coins to use to buy goods and services.</p> <p>Barter was commonly used instead of money.</p> <p>Tobacco was used as money. A tobacco farmer could use his tobacco to pay for goods and services.</p> <p>Farmers and other consumers could also buy goods and services on credit and pay their debts when their crops were harvested and sold.</p> <p>Colonial Virginia had no banks.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p>

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 England as expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Conflicts developed between the colonies and England over how the colonies should be governed.</p> <p>The Declaration of Independence gave reasons for independence and ideas for self-government.</p>	<p>How did the colonists' ideas about government differ from those of the English Parliament?</p> <p>Why is the Declaration of Independence an important document?</p>	<p>The colonists and the English Parliament disagreed over how the colonies should be governed.</p> <p>Parliament believed it had legal authority in the colonies, while the colonists believed their local assemblies had legal authority.</p> <p>Parliament believed it had the right to tax the colonies, while the colonists believed they should not be taxed since they had no representation in Parliament.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

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 Virginians in the Revolutionary War era, with emphasis on George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Virginians made significant contributions during the Revolutionary War era.</p>	<p>What contributions did Virginians make during the Revolutionary War era?</p>	<p>Varied roles of Virginians in the Revolutionary War era Virginia patriots served in the Continental Army and fought against the English, leading to the English surrender at Yorktown. Some Virginians were neutral and did not take sides. Other Virginians remained loyal to England. African Americans from Virginia were divided about the war. Some slaves fought for the English because they were promised freedom. James Armistead Lafayette, a slave from Virginia, served in the Continental Army and was given his freedom after the war. During the war, women took on more responsibility.</p> <p>Contributions of Virginians during the Revolutionary War era George Washington provided military leadership by serving as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

STANDARD VS.5b (continued)

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

- b) identifying the various roles played by Virginians in the Revolutionary War era, with emphasis on George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry.**

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
		<p>Thomas Jefferson provided political leadership by expressing the reasons for colonial independence from England in the Declaration of Independence.</p> <p>Patrick Henry inspired patriots from other colonies when he spoke out against taxation without representation by saying, "...give me liberty or give me death."</p>	

STANDARD VS.5c

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

c) identifying the importance of the American victory at Yorktown.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>The last major battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Yorktown, Virginia.</p>	<p>What was the importance of the American victory at Yorktown?</p>	<p>The American victory at Yorktown resulted in the surrender of the English army, bringing an end to the war.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.d)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships between water features and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

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
<p>The actions and ideas of Virginians formed the basis for the new constitutional government of the United States.</p>	<p>Why is George Washington referred to as the “Father of Our Country?”</p> <p>Why is James Madison referred to as the “Father of the Constitution?”</p>	<p>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.”</p> <p>James Madison 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.”</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

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
<p>Ideas expressed in the Virginia Declaration of Rights and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom served as models for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States of America.</p>	<p>What was the influence of the Virginia Declaration of Rights on the Constitution of the United States of America?</p> <p>What was the influence of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on the Constitution of the United States of America?</p>	<p>The Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by George Mason, states that all Virginians should have certain rights, including freedom of religion and freedom of the press. The document became the basis for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States of America.</p> <p>The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, written by Thomas Jefferson, states that all people should be free to worship as they please. This document was the basis for the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, the amendment that protects religious freedom.</p>	<p>Identify primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

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
<p>Geography influenced the movement of people and ideas as Virginians moved to and beyond the Virginia frontier.</p>	<p>What geographic factors influenced Virginians to move to the western frontier of Virginia and beyond?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Tobacco farming was hard on the soil, causing many farmers to look west and south for new land to farm.</p> <p>Virginians migrated into western territories looking for large areas of land and new opportunities.</p> <p>As Virginians moved, they took their traditions, ideas, and cultures with them.</p> <p>Settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains through the Cumberland Gap as they migrated to new lands in the west.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

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
<p>Because of economic differences between the North and South, they were unable to resolve their conflicts and the South seceded from the United States.</p> <p>Virginians were divided about secession from the Union, which led to the creation of West Virginia.</p>	<p>What conflicts developed between the northern and southern states in the years following the American Revolution and led to the Civil War?</p> <p>Why did Virginia secede from the Union?</p> <p>How did West Virginia become a state?</p>	<p>Differences between northern and southern states</p> <p>The economy in the northern part of the United States was industrialized, while in the southern part it was agricultural and relied on slave labor.</p> <p>Northern states wanted the new states created out of the western territory to be “free states,” while the southern states wanted the new states to be “slave states.”</p> <p>Events leading to secession and war</p> <p>Nat Turner led a revolt against plantation owners in Virginia.</p> <p>Abolitionists campaigned to end slavery.</p> <p>Harriet Tubman established a secret route that escaped slaves took; it became known as the “Underground Railroad.”</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret artifacts and primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.7a (continued)

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- 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
		<p>After Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States in 1860, some southern states seceded from the Union. Later, other southern states, including Virginia, seceded to form the “Confederate States of America.”</p> <p>Creation of West Virginia Conflict grew between the eastern counties of Virginia that relied on slavery and western counties that favored abolition of slavery. The disagreement between the two regions of the state led to the formation of West Virginia.</p>	

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
<p>Virginia played a significant role in the Civil War and became a major battleground between Union and Confederate troops.</p> <p>Virginians played a significant role in the Civil War.</p>	<p>What major Civil War battles were fought in Virginia?</p> <p>Who were some of the leaders of the Civil War?</p>	<p>Major Civil War battles fought in Virginia</p> <p>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.</p> <p>General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, defeated Union troops at Fredericksburg, Virginia.</p> <p>Richmond was the capital of the Confederacy. It fell to General Ulysses S. Grant and was burned near the end of the war.</p> <p>Lincoln used the Union navy to blockade southern ports. An important sea battle between the Monitor (Union) and the Merrimack (Confederate), two iron-clad ships, took place in Virginia waters near Norfolk and Hampton. The battle was fought to a draw.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.7b (continued)

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
		<p>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.</p>	

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

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.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>The freedoms and rights promised to African Americans were slowly taken away after Reconstruction, and it would take years to win them back.</p>	<p>What happened to the rights of African Americans after Reconstruction?</p>	<p>Terms to know Segregation: The separation of people, usually based on race or religion Discrimination: An unfair difference in the treatment of people</p> <p>During Reconstruction, African Americans began to have power in Virginia’s government, and men of all races could vote.</p> <p>After Reconstruction, these gains were lost when “Jim Crow” Laws were passed by southern states. “Jim Crow” Laws established segregation or separation of the races and reinforced prejudices held by whites.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

STANDARD VS.8b (continued)

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.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
		<p>“Jim Crow” laws had an effect on African American life.</p> <p>Unfair poll taxes and voting tests were established to keep African Americans from voting.</p> <p>African Americans found it very difficult to vote or hold public office.</p> <p>African Americans were forced to use separate drinking fountains.</p> <p>African American and white children attended separate schools.</p>	

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
<p>After the Civil War, industry and technology, transportation, and cities began to grow and contribute to Virginia's economy.</p>	<p>What changes took place in Virginia to boost the economic growth?</p>	<p>Virginia began to grow in many areas after the Civil War and Reconstruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 to cities. Railroad centers stimulated the growth of factories where clothing, furniture, and other useful items were made. Roanoke became a railroad center. Richmond, Norfolk, and Newport News were bustling with activity as the railroad brought new jobs and people to the areas. Petersburg, Alexandria, and Lynchburg also grew rapidly.• Other parts of Virginia grew as other industries developed. Coal deposits, discovered in Tazewell County after the Civil War and then in nearby counties, became a source of livelihood for residents of southwest Virginia.• The need for more and better roads increased.	<p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.8c (continued)

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
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1073 492 1434 578">• Tobacco farming and tobacco products became important Virginia industries.	

STANDARD VS.9a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth 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
<p>During the twentieth century, Virginia changed from a rural, agricultural society to a more urban, industrial society.</p> <p>After Reconstruction, Virginia’s cities began to grow.</p>	<p>Why did Virginia change from an agricultural to an industrial society?</p> <p>What caused Virginia’s cities to grow?</p>	<p>Decline of agricultural society Old systems of farming were no longer effective. Crop prices were low.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>People have moved to Virginia from many other states and nations for jobs, freedom, and the enjoyment of Virginia’s beauty and quality of life. Since the end of World War II, Northern Virginia has experienced growth due to increases in the number of federal jobs located in the region. Both Northern Virginia and the Tidewater region have grown due to computer technology.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps to explain relationships among landforms, water features, climatic characteristics, and historical events. (VS.1i)</p>

STANDARD VS.9b

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth century Virginia by

b) 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
<p>After World War II, African Americans demanded equal treatment and the recognition of their rights as American citizens.</p> <p>As a result of the Civil Rights Movement, laws were passed that made racial discrimination illegal.</p>	<p>What changes occurred in Virginia as a result of the Civil Rights Movement?</p>	<p>Terms to know Desegregation: Abolishment of racial segregation Integration: Full equality of all races in the use of public facilities</p> <p>Desegregation and Massive Resistance in Virginia The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1954 (<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>) that “separate but equal” public schools were unconstitutional. All public schools, including those in Virginia, were ordered to integrate. 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 integrated. Harry F. Byrd, Sr., led a Massive Resistance Movement against the integration of public schools.</p>	<p>Determine cause and effect relationships. (VS.1b)</p> <p>Compare and contrast historical events. (VS.1c)</p> <p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Sequence events in Virginia history. (VS.1f)</p> <p>Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (VS.1g)</p>

STANDARD VS.9c

The student will demonstrate knowledge of twentieth century Virginia by

c) identifying the political, social, and/or economic contributions made by Maggie L. Walker, Harry F. Byrd, Sr., Arthur R. Ashe, Jr., and L. Douglas Wilder.

Essential Understandings	Essential Questions	Essential Knowledge	Essential Skills
<p>Many individuals made social, political, and economic contributions to Virginia life in the twentieth century.</p>	<p>What contributions to twentieth century Virginia life were made by Maggie Walker, Harry Flood Byrd, Sr., Arthur R. Ashe, Jr., and L. Douglas Wilder?</p>	<p>Maggie L. Walker was the first African American woman to become a bank president in the United States. She was also the first woman to become a bank president.</p> <p>Harry F. Byrd, Sr., as governor, was known for a “Pay As You Go” policy for road improvements, and he modernized Virginia state government.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>L. Douglas Wilder, former governor of Virginia, was the first African American to be elected a state governor in the United States.</p>	<p>Identify and interpret primary and secondary source documents to understand events in history. (VS.1a)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p>

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
<p>Virginia state government is made up of three parts (branches) that ensure Virginia laws agree with the state constitution.</p>	<p>What are the three branches of government in Virginia and what are the powers of each branch?</p>	<p>The government of Virginia is divided into three branches.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p>

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
<p>The state of Virginia can be divided into five geographic regions.</p> <p>Different products and industries characterize each region.</p>	<p>What are the major products and industries of each region in Virginia?</p>	<p>Coastal Plain (Tidewater) <i>Products:</i> Seafood <i>Industries:</i> Shipbuilding, tourism, federal military installations</p> <p>Piedmont <i>Products:</i> Tobacco products, information technology <i>Industries:</i> Technology, federal and state government, farming, textiles</p> <p>Blue Ridge Mountains <i>Products:</i> Apples <i>Industries:</i> Recreation</p> <p>Valley and Ridge <i>Products:</i> Poultry, apples <i>Industries:</i> Farming</p> <p>Appalachian Plateau <i>Products:</i> Coal <i>Industries:</i> Coal mining</p>	<p>Draw conclusions and make generalizations. (VS.1d)</p> <p>Make connections between past and present. (VS.1e)</p> <p>Analyze and interpret maps. (VS.1i)</p>

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