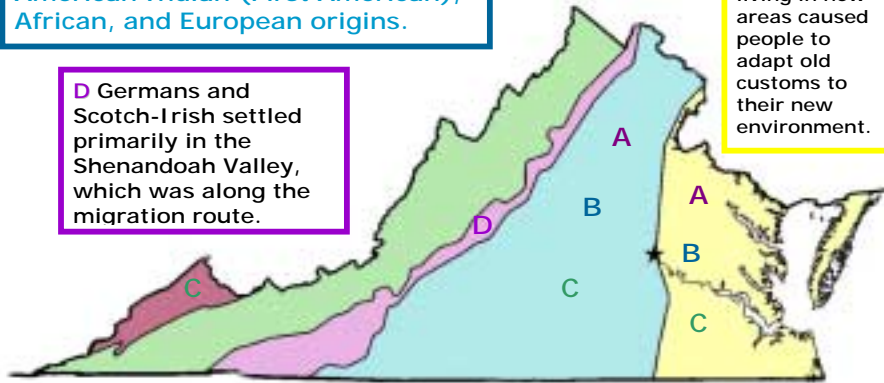


## Settlement Areas in Early Virginia

The culture of Virginia reflected American Indian (First American), African, and European origins.

**D** Germans and Scotch-Irish settled primarily in the Shenandoah Valley, which was along the migration route.

Migration and living in new areas caused people to adapt old customs to their new environment.

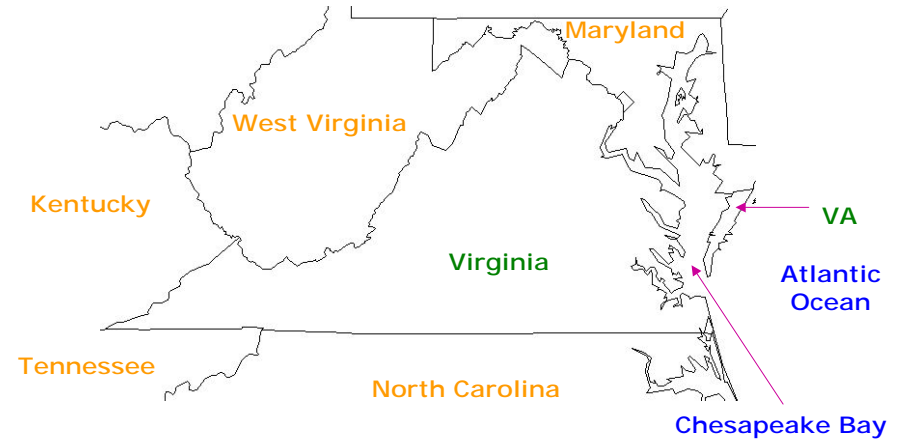


**C** American Indians (First Americans) were primarily in the Tidewater and Piedmont regions and the Appalachian Plateau, where their traditional homelands were located.

**B** Africans settled primarily in the Tidewater and Piedmont regions, where agriculture required a great deal of labor.

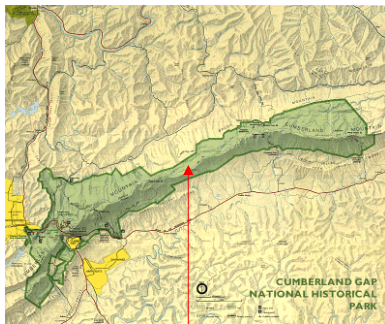
**A** English settled primarily in Tidewater and Piedmont regions.

## Virginia and Bordering States



Use this simple trick to remember the states that border Virginia: **KISS ME WITH NO TEETH.**  
**K** = Kentucky                      **N** = North Carolina  
**M** = Maryland                      **T** = Tennessee  
**W** = West Virginia

## Cumberland Gap



Cumberland Gap



After the colonists won the Revolutionary War, they joined together to create a new country called the United States of America. Many Virginians began to move west. The Cumberland Gap made crossing the Appalachian Mountains easier. A gap is a low place between two mountains. On the map above, you can see a map of the Cumberland Plateau with the Cumberland Gap marked. You also can see a picture of the Cumberland Gap.

## Climate in Virginia

The climate in Virginia is relatively mild with distinct seasons:

1. Spring
2. Summer
3. Fall
4. Winter



Because of this, Virginia has many different kinds of plants and trees.

## Cumberland Gap

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. Settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains through the Cumberland Gap as they migrated to new lands in the west.

