

## VS.4c Reasons for Moving Virginia's Capital

### Teacher Tips:

- Copy the template below onto an 8 ½ x 11" white or colored piece of paper.
- Students make a hotdog fold so that the words "Jamestown to Williamsburg" and "Williamsburg to Richmond" are showing on top and can be seen.
- Fold again, hamburger fold, so that a booklet is made and "Reasons for Moving Virginia's Capital" is on top.
- Open up the booklet and cut on the dotted line between "Jamestown to Williamsburg" and "Williamsburg to Richmond" creating 2 tabs.
- Lift each tab. Underneath the "Jamestown to Williamsburg" tab, write details about why the capital moved to Williamsburg. Underneath the "Williamsburg to Richmond" tab, write details about why the capital moved to Richmond.
- Add drawings or maps if desired.

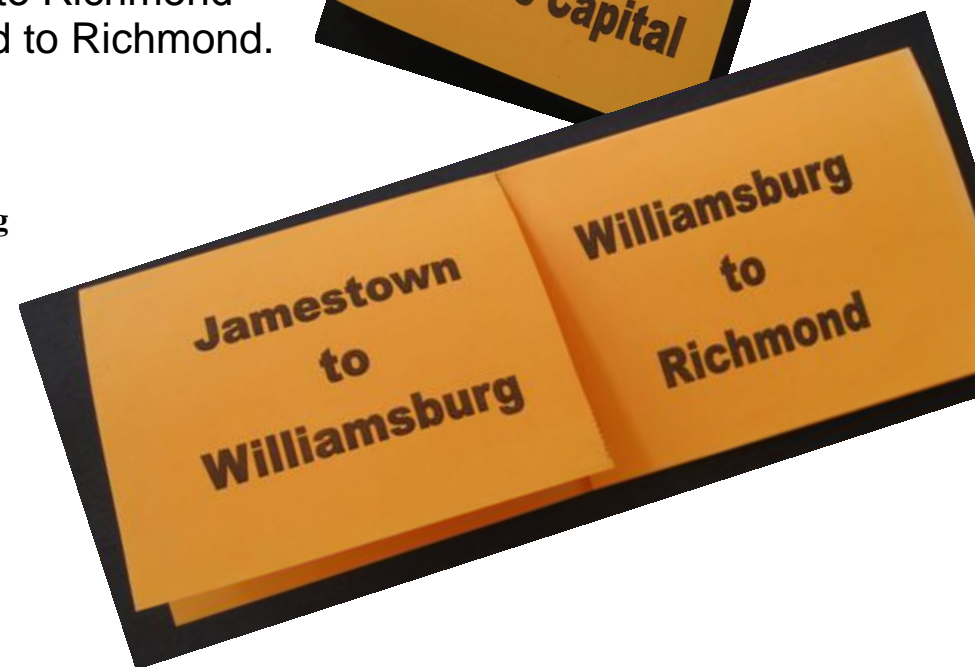
### Answer Key:

#### 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.



**Richmond**  
**to**  
**Williamsburg**

**Williamsburg**  
**to**  
**James town**

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**Reasons**  
**for Moving**  
**Virginia's Capital**

**For 2001 VGLA evidence:**

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revised 2010. Foldable technique adapted from Dinah Zike, Comfort, TX

Offer additional options beyond the correct options. These are included below. Have the student cut and paste these in under the correct heading.

**Put in the Teacher Note:** The student had to select and paste the reasons in the foldable. 10 options for reasons were presented.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farming was better in this location.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The population was moving westward.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A more central location</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased the distance from attack by sea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The location was better for trade.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dirty living conditions caused diseases.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The king preferred this location</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It was situated at a higher elevation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fire destroyed wooden buildings.</li></ul>