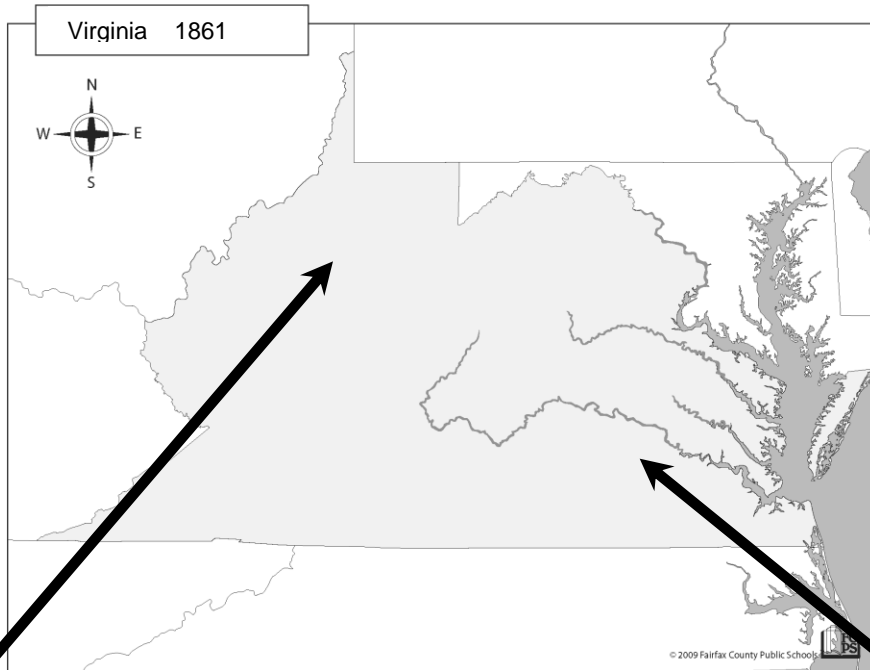


VS.7a The Creation of West Virginia



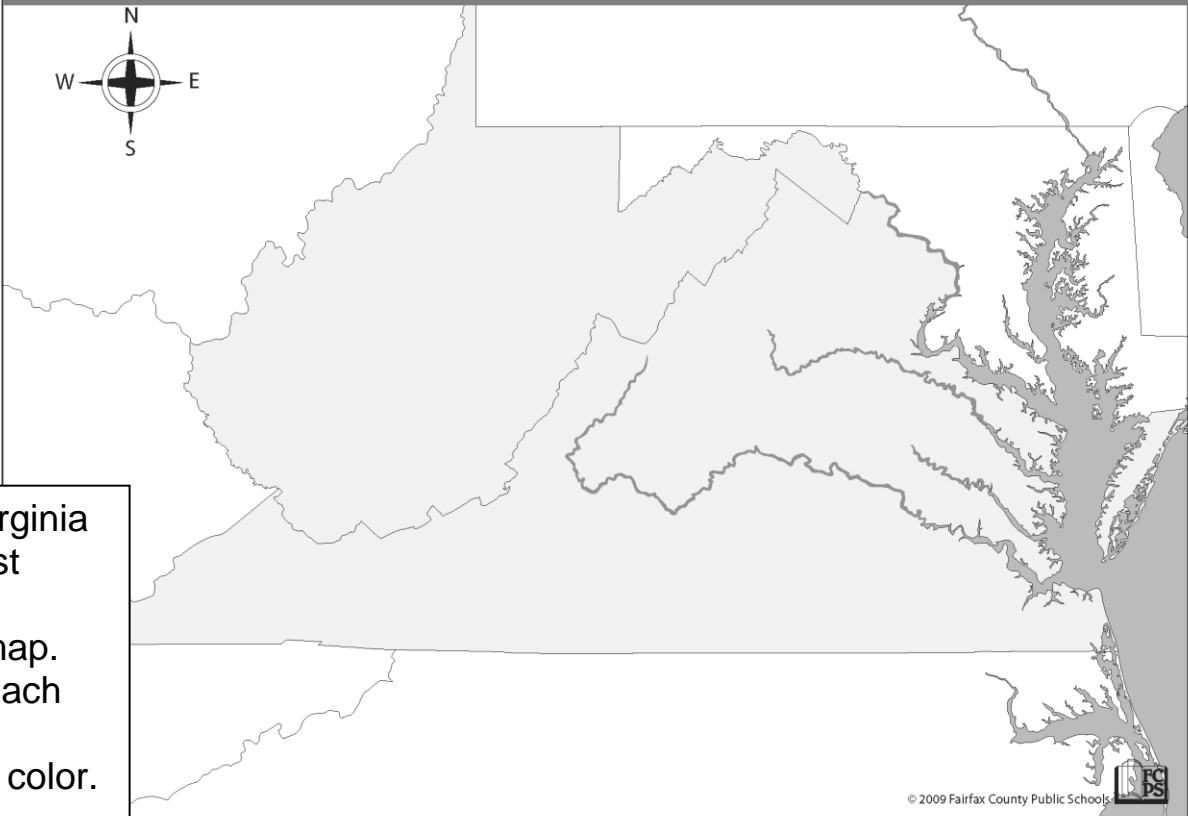
Western counties in Virginia did not favor slavery. They had small farms and few enslaved Africans.

Virginia in 1861

Eastern counties of Virginia relied on enslaved African labor. They had larger farms and plantations.

Explain why Virginia split into two states in 1863:

West Virginia was formed on June 20, 1863



Label Virginia and West Virginia on the map. Shade each state a different color.

Teacher Tips:

1. Copy the 1861 map (page 1), and the 1863 map (page 2), templates front to back onto a 8½ x 11” piece of paper. White copy paper works best.
2. Have students complete the statement on page 1, explaining why West Virginia was formed.

Key:

- 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.
- Refer to page 27 of the 2008 *Curriculum Framework*.

