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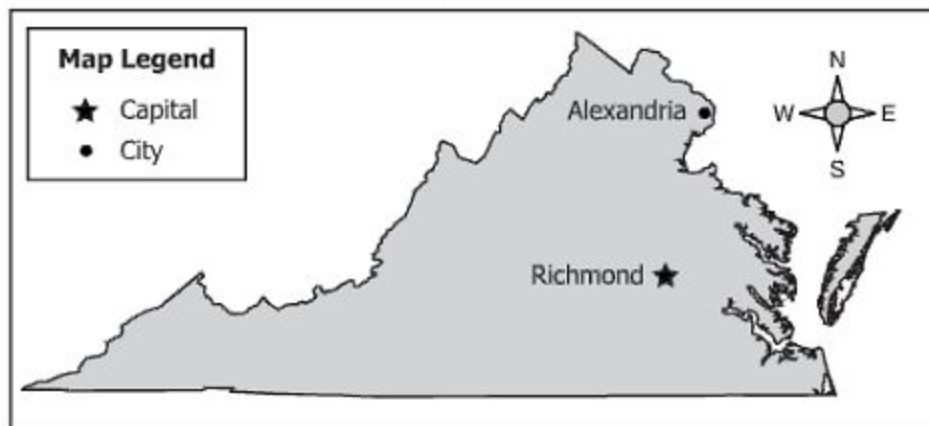
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SAMPLE

Virginia



In which direction would you travel from Richmond to Alexandria?

- ☐ **A** North
- ☐ **B** South
- ☐ **C** East
- ☐ **D** West

Which group established the town of Werowocomoco?

- ☐ **A** English settlers
- ☐ **B** American Indians
- ☐ **C** Spanish missionaries
- ☐ **D** African Americans

How do we know what life was like for Jamestown settlers?
We can study items such as metal tools to learn how they were used.

People studying the past best learn about artifacts like these by —

- ☐ **A** designing them on computers
- ☐ **B** seeing them in newspapers
- ☐ **C** digging at archaeological sites
- ☐ **D** looking at colonial pictures

Which of these happened last?

- ☐ **A** Settlers learned survival skills from Powhatan and other native peoples.
- ☐ **B** Native peoples saw the settlers as invaders taking their land.
- ☐ **C** Settlers communicated with the native peoples through Pocahontas.
- ☐ **D** Native peoples taught the settlers to plant corn and other crops.

What is the best example of a cultural landscape?

- ☐ **A** Tree
- ☐ **B** Cow
- ☐ **C** Barn
- ☐ **D** Tractor

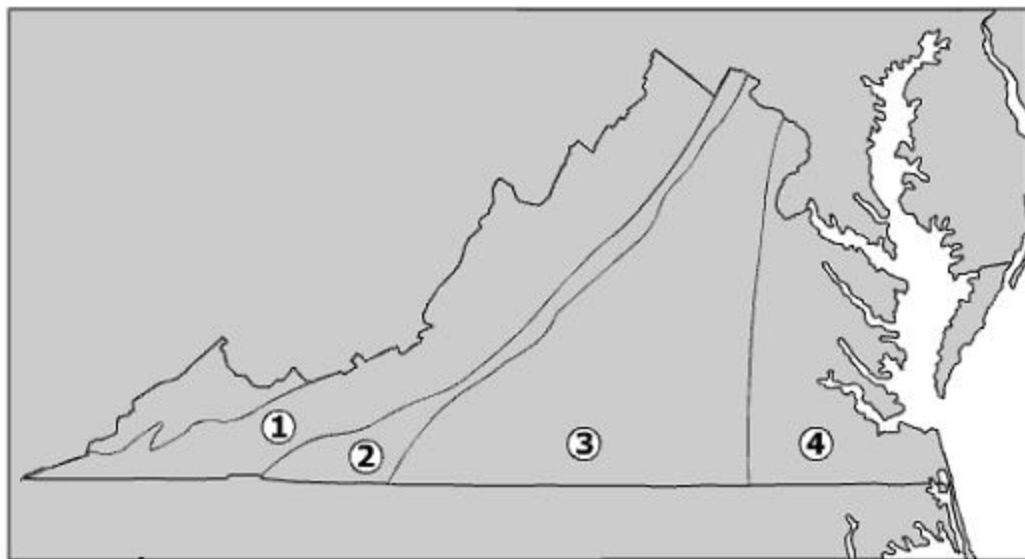
The arrival of European settlers changed the lives of American Indians by forcing them to —

- ☐ **A** build new houses
- ☐ **B** attend school
- ☐ **C** move inland
- ☐ **D** work on ships

The area of West Virginia became a state because —

- ☐ **A** its people opposed slavery
- ☐ **B** Abraham Lincoln was elected
- ☐ **C** its people supported women's suffrage
- ☐ **D** John Brown caused a slave revolt

Regions of Virginia



Which number marks the region where the first English settlement in Virginia was located?

- ☐ A 1
- ☐ B 2
- ☐ C 3
- ☐ D 4

- Author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom
- Served as Governor during the Revolutionary War
- Served in Continental Congress

Which Virginian is responsible for these contributions?

- ☐ **A** Thomas Jefferson
- ☐ **B** George Washington
- ☐ **C** Patrick Henry
- ☐ **D** James Madison

Which group's traditional homeland was located in the Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region of Virginia?

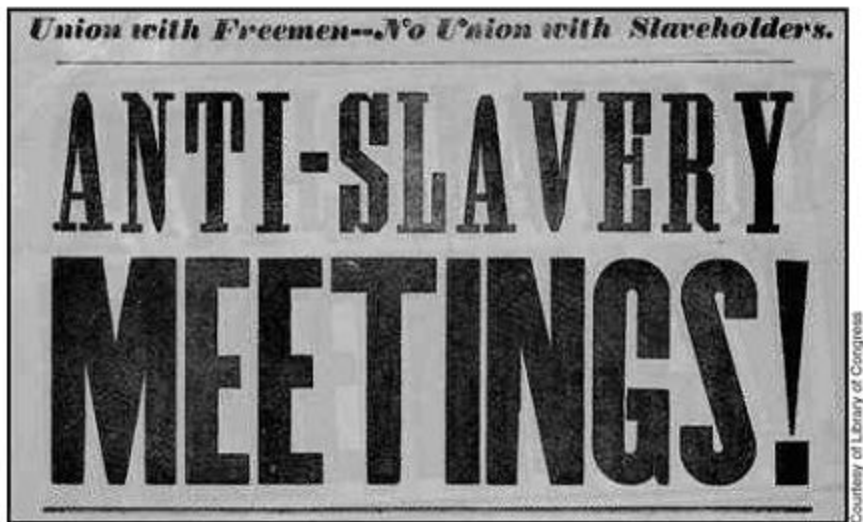
- ☐ **A** Lakota
- ☐ **B** English
- ☐ **C** Powhatan
- ☐ **D** African

Edmund: "I think we should stay loyal to the king."

Joshua: "I think we should form our own nation."

Which statement about these two Virginians is probably true?

- ☐ **A** Only one led soldiers in the colonies.
- ☐ **B** They took opposite sides in the American Revolution.
- ☐ **C** Only one paid taxes in the colonies.
- ☐ **D** They had different opinions about African-American slavery.



Which group would most likely have supported this type of meeting?

- ☐ A Industrialists
- ☐ B Abolitionists
- ☐ C Plantation owners
- ☐ D Confederate soldiers

Which newspaper headline describes the result of the battle between the *Merrimack* and the *Monitor*?

☐ A



☐ C



☐ B



☐ D



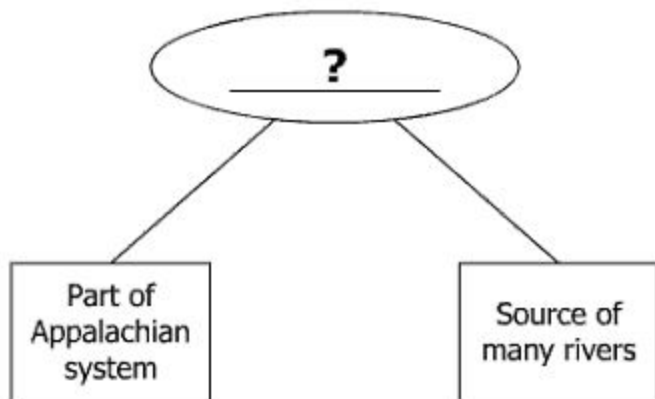
- Maintaining farms and plantations
- Providing labor for the military

During the Civil War, which group did this work for the Confederate states?

- ☐ **A** New European immigrants
- ☐ **B** American Indians
- ☐ **C** Southern abolitionists
- ☐ **D** Enslaved African Americans

Which Virginia governor is known for the "Pay As You Go" road improvement policy?

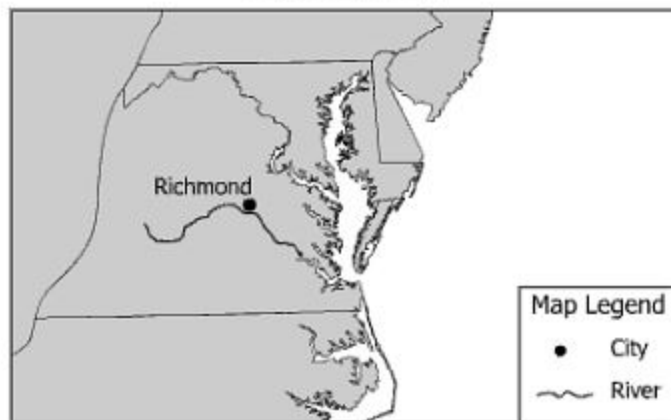
- ☐ **A** A. Linwood Holton
- ☐ **B** Mills E. Godwin, Jr.
- ☐ **C** Harry F. Byrd, Sr.
- ☐ **D** L. Douglas Wilder



Which region completes this diagram?

- ☐ **A** Piedmont
- ☐ **B** Coastal Plain (Tidewater)
- ☐ **C** Valley and Ridge
- ☐ **D** Blue Ridge Mountains

Virginia, 1775



A settler in Richmond who wanted to return to Europe would travel on which river?

- ☐ **A** James
- ☐ **B** Shenandoah
- ☐ **C** Roanoke
- ☐ **D** Potomac

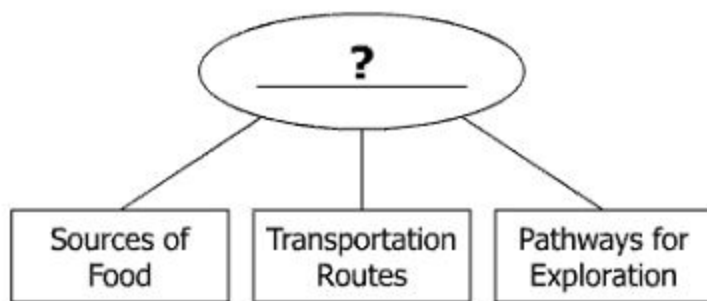
Which body of water separates the Eastern Shore from the Virginia mainland?

- ☐ **A** Atlantic Ocean
- ☐ **B** Potomac River
- ☐ **C** Chesapeake Bay
- ☐ **D** James River

Mari lives in Virginia near the North Carolina border. She is writing a history report on the native peoples that lived near her home and spoke an Iroquoian language.

Which American Indians will be described in Mari's report?

- ☐ **A** Cherokee
- ☐ **B** Pamunkey
- ☐ **C** Monacan
- ☐ **D** Powhatan



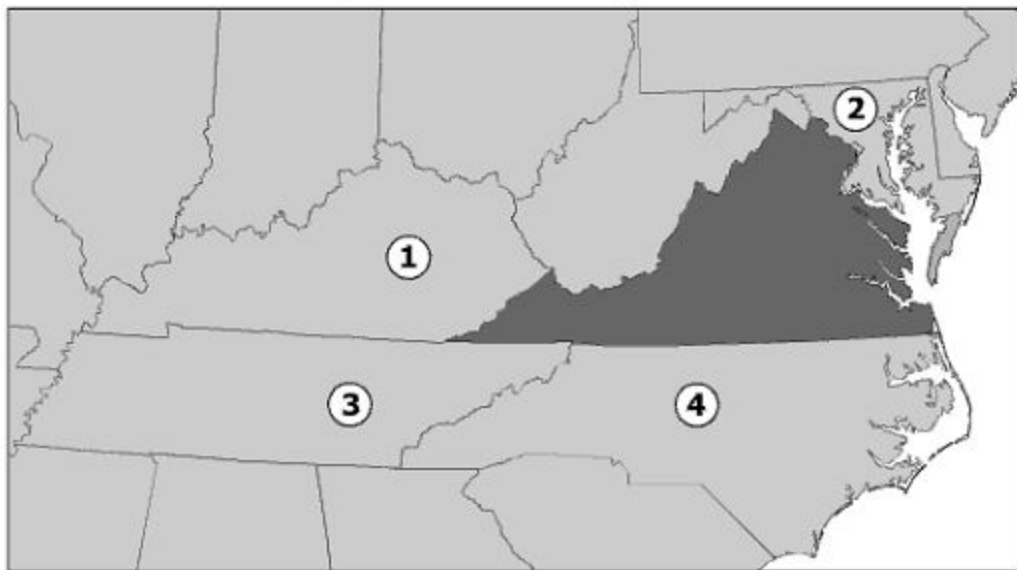
The best title for this diagram is —

- ☐ **A** Why American Indians Lived in Virginia
- ☐ **B** The Reasons to Defend Jamestown From Spain
- ☐ **C** Why Jamestown Colonists Moved West
- ☐ **D** The Importance of Rivers to the Virginia Settlement

The first settlers founded Jamestown on —

- ☐ **A** an island
- ☐ **B** an isthmus
- ☐ **C** a peninsula
- ☐ **D** a strait

Virginia and Bordering States



Where did many Virginians settle after traveling through the Cumberland Gap?

- ☐ A 1 and 2
- ☐ B 1 and 3
- ☐ C 2 and 4
- ☐ D 3 and 4

Burning of Jamestown



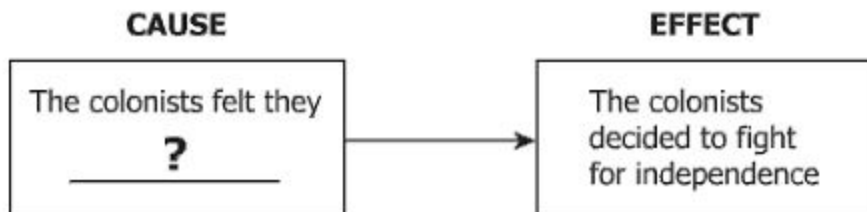
The Burning of Jamestown, 1676, illustration from *Colonies and Nation* by Woodrow Wilson, pub. in *Harper's Magazine*, 1901 (litho) by Howard Pyle (1853-1917) (amer) Private Collection The Bridgeman Art Library Nationality / copyright status: American / out of copyright

What was the result of this event?

- ☐ A Colonists leave the Chesapeake Bay area
- ☐ B City rebuilt near Werowocomoco
- ☐ C Colonists join the local American Indian tribe
- ☐ D Capital moved to Williamsburg

The charters of the Virginia Company of London gave —

- ☐ **A** property rights to women
- ☐ **B** religious freedom to slaves
- ☐ **C** English rights to the colonists
- ☐ **D** land to the American Indians



Which phrase best completes this diagram?

- ☐ **A** had the right to own slaves
- ☐ **B** should own English land
- ☐ **C** had the right to govern themselves
- ☐ **D** should have an English king

Legal Authority in the Colonies

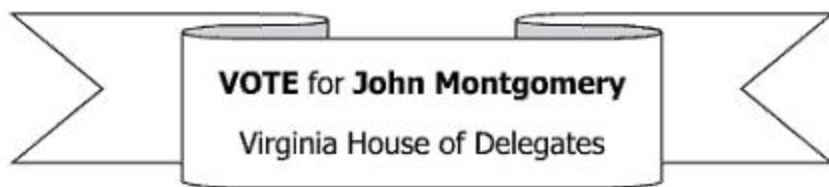
British Ideas	Colonists' Ideas
Parliament	<u> ?</u>

Which group completes this table?

- ☐ A Earliest settlers
- ☐ B Royal governors
- ☐ C Wealthy families
- ☐ D Local assemblies

After Reconstruction, the freedoms given to African Americans were —

- ☐ **A** taken away by Jim Crow laws
- ☐ **B** changed by the Supreme Court
- ☐ **C** increased by the Bill of Rights
- ☐ **D** voted against by Congress



If John Montgomery wins this election, his job will be to —

- ☐ **A** make laws for the state
- ☐ **B** decide which people go to court
- ☐ **C** gather taxes for the state
- ☐ **D** judge which laws are constitutional

As a result of the Civil Rights Movement, laws were passed that —

- ☐ **A** gave immigrants the right to work
- ☐ **B** made racial discrimination illegal
- ☐ **C** gave women the right to vote
- ☐ **D** made child labor illegal

Maria is a guide for visitors to a history museum. Maria works in the —

- ☐ **A** tourism industry
- ☐ **B** agriculture industry
- ☐ **C** manufacturing industry
- ☐ **D** transportation industry

Location 1



Location 2



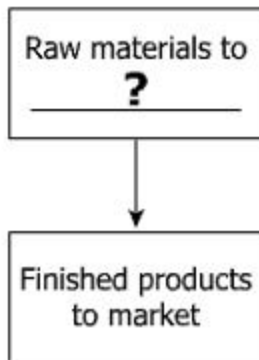
Which factor would persuade people to move from Location 1 to Location 2?

- ☐ **A** Religious freedom
- ☐ **B** Job opportunities
- ☐ **C** Smaller populations
- ☐ **D** Cleaner air



What is the best title for this picture?

- ☐ A Buying on Credit
- ☐ B Exchanging Goods for Services
- ☐ C Saving Goods for Later Use
- ☐ D Bartering in the Colonies



What best replaces the question mark?

- ☐ **A** Coal mines
- ☐ **B** Farms
- ☐ **C** Military bases
- ☐ **D** Factories

Why was the Freedmen's Bureau created?

- ☐ **A** To help new immigrants
- ☐ **B** To help former slaves
- ☐ **C** To help plantation owners
- ☐ **D** To help southern soldiers

Which industry has contributed most to migration within modern Virginia?

- ☐ **A** Medicine
- ☐ **B** Mining
- ☐ **C** Agriculture
- ☐ **D** Transportation