

Capital City Detectives

Find Virginia and United States government places.

2.4.a “locating the Virginia and United States capitals and capitol buildings;”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every capital city name and circle every named capitol building. Your marks will help you tell a city from a government building.

Cities and Buildings

- ① A capital is a city where a government works. Virginia’s capital is Richmond. The United States capital is Washington, D.C. When you locate a capital, you are finding a city, not a building.
- ② A capitol is a building where lawmakers meet and work. The Virginia State Capitol stands in Richmond. Virginia’s lawmakers meet there. The United States Capitol stands in Washington, D.C., where members of Congress meet.
- ③ Capital and capitol sound alike, but they name different places. To find Virginia’s government city, look for Richmond. To find its main government building, look for the Virginia State Capitol. Use the same city-and-building idea for the nation.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What city is the capital of Virginia?

2 What capitol building is in Richmond?

3 Write the United States capital city and the name of its capitol building.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use your teacher's United States/Virginia maps to find Richmond and Washington, D.C. Show each city to your teacher. On the supplied city maps, locate the Virginia State Capitol and United States Capitol. In each panel, sketch the appropriate capitol and one nearby labeled street or landmark in their map positions. Add a visitor sign pointing to the capitol, with its city and building name.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every capital city name and circle every named capitol building. Your marks will help you tell a city from a government building. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What city is the capital of Virginia?	Richmond.
2	What capitol building is in Richmond?	The Virginia State Capitol.
3	Write the United States capital city and the name of its capitol building.	Washington, D.C.; the United States Capitol.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Panel 1 labels the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond; Panel 2 labels the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. Each sketch places the building and a nearby feature as shown on the supplied map; its sign points toward the building. The precise nearby features depend on the maps used.

Required: provide readable United States/Virginia locator maps with both capital cities, plus local maps labeling each capitol building and nearby streets or landmarks. Official Virginia Capitol Square and U.S. Capitol visitor maps are suitable local views. Read labels and explain the change in scale. Observe every learner pointing to both actual city locations and both building sites. Check each sketch's relative positions against its source map, then the sign's correct city/building pair. Naming or invented arrows alone are insufficient; allow supported pointing and drawing.