

Virginia Map Hunt

Use location words to place Virginia in the United States and North America.

VS.1.a "locating Virginia and its bordering states on maps of the United States and North America;"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle **Virginia** each time it appears, underline the five states that border it, and write 1 beside the sentence that tells where Virginia is on a North America map.

Finding Virginia

- ① Virginia is a state in the eastern United States. The United States is part of North America, the continent that also includes Canada and Mexico. On a map of North America, first find the United States. Then look toward its Atlantic Ocean side. Virginia is on that eastern side, between the northern and southern parts of the country.
- ② After finding Virginia, look for states that touch it. Maryland is north of Virginia, with much of the border following the Potomac River. West Virginia lies north and west. Kentucky is west, and Tennessee is southwest. North Carolina is south. These five states border Virginia, so they are important labels to check on a United States map.
- ③ A map of the United States shows state boundaries clearly. A map of North America helps you place the United States within its continent. Read a map's title before you search. Then use nearby labels and directions to make sure you have found Virginia, not another correct state on the Atlantic coast of North America.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What continent contains the United States?

2 On which side of the United States is Virginia located?

3 Which bordering state is north of Virginia, and which bordering state is south of Virginia?

4 List the five states that border Virginia.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the United States and North America maps your teacher provides. On each, point to Virginia; on the state map, find and label all five bordering states on a copy or overlay. Then write three directions for a classmate, naming North America, Virginia's eastern U.S. location and two neighbors' directions. Ask your teacher to check the located places.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle **Virginia** each time it appears, underline the five states that border it, and write 1 beside the sentence that tells where Virginia is on a North America map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What continent contains the United States?	North America.
2	On which side of the United States is Virginia located?	The eastern, or Atlantic Ocean, side.
3	Which bordering state is north of Virginia, and which bordering state is south of Virginia?	Maryland is north and North Carolina is south. Also accept West Virginia for north when supported by the map; it lies north and west.
4	List the five states that border Virginia.	Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Start with North America and find the United States. On the eastern side of the United States, locate Virginia. Check north for Maryland and south for North Carolina.

Required: provide readable North America and U.S. maps showing Virginia, with state boundaries and labels on the U.S. map, a compass direction and copies/overlays for marking. Observe each learner locating Virginia on both and Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina on the state map. Check shared boundaries and the three directions against the maps; a prose-only response is incomplete.