

Waterways Shape Virginia

Read how Virginia's waters influence history, jobs, and traditions.

VS.1.c "locating, identifying, and describing the impact of Virginia's bodies of water on its history, economy, and culture."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number each sentence that tells how a body of water affected Virginia's history, economy, or culture. Leave sentences that give only background or location unnumbered.

Virginia Water Connections

- ① Virginia has many bodies of water, including the Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Ocean, rivers, and lakes. The Chesapeake Bay is an estuary where fresh river water mixes with salty ocean water. Long ago, waterways helped American Indian groups travel, fish, and trade. In 1607, English settlers traveled by river to Jamestown. Rivers also carried supplies and news between growing settlements.
- ② Today, Virginia's waters support jobs. In the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean, seafood such as oysters, crabs, and fish is caught. Watermen sell this seafood, and restaurants serve it. Ships use deep-water ports at Hampton Roads to bring goods into Virginia and send Virginia products out. Visitors also spend money boating, fishing, and swimming along rivers, lakes, and beaches.
- ③ Water shapes how many Virginians spend time and celebrate. Families gather at beaches and lakes for swimming, picnics, and boating. Some communities hold seafood festivals that feature local oysters and crabs. The annual Chincoteague Pony Swim takes place as ponies swim from Assateague Island to Chincoteague Island through a channel. These activities connect people to Virginia's water traditions.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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How did waterways affect the lives of American Indian groups long ago?

2

How do the deep-water ports at Hampton Roads help Virginia’s economy?

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Name the two bodies of water where the passage says seafood is caught.

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Why is the annual Chincoteague Pony Swim an example of water affecting Virginia’s culture?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Complete the chart with three different bodies of water from the passage. Use history, economy, and culture once each, and describe one impact in your own words for every row.

BODY OF WATER	CATEGORY	IMPACT ON VIRGINIA

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Number each sentence that tells how a body of water affected Virginia's history, economy, or culture. Leave sentences that give only background or location unnumbered. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did waterways affect the lives of American Indian groups long ago?	They helped American Indian groups travel, fish, and trade.
2	How do the deep-water ports at Hampton Roads help Virginia's economy?	They allow ships to bring goods into Virginia and send Virginia products out.
3	Name the two bodies of water where the passage says seafood is caught.	The Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.
4	Why is the annual Chincoteague Pony Swim an example of water affecting Virginia's culture?	It is a yearly water-based activity that is part of Virginia's water traditions.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

BODY OF WATER	CATEGORY	IMPACT ON VIRGINIA
Rivers	History	Rivers helped English settlers reach Jamestown and carried supplies between settlements.
Atlantic Ocean	Economy	Seafood caught there supports jobs and restaurants.
Lakes	Culture	Families gather at lakes to swim, picnic, and boat.

Accept equivalent descriptions that match the passage. In the chart, students should use three different bodies of water and correctly connect one impact to each of the three categories.