

Virginia Connects Globally

Products, services, and ideas link Virginia to world markets.

VS.13 "The student will apply history and social science skills to explain Virginia's role in the global economy in the 21st century by examining major products and industries important to Virginia; and examining the impact of the ideas..."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each Virginia product or industry. Circle each detail that shows how it reaches or affects people outside Virginia, so you can connect Virginia's work and ideas to the global economy.

Virginia in the Global Economy

- ① In the 21st century, Virginia sells goods and services to people and businesses around the world. Farmers raise poultry and grow products such as soybeans and apples. Forest businesses turn trees into lumber, paper, and other wood products. Manufacturers make items, including ships, food, and machinery. These Virginia products can travel far beyond the state, bringing money into Virginia's economy.
- ② Virginia's location and transportation systems help these products reach global markets. At the Port of Virginia, cargo ships carry containers through Hampton Roads to and from other countries. Trucks and trains connect the port with farms, factories, and stores. Virginia also has many data centers, buildings filled with computers that store and process digital information used by people and companies worldwide.
- ③ People from Virginia have also shared ideas that changed products used around the globe. James E. West, who was born in Farmville, Virginia, helped develop the electret microphone in 1962. This small, sensitive microphone made many devices less expensive and easier to use. It is used in products such as telephones, hearing aids, and recording equipment. His advancement helped technology reach a larger global market.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two Virginia products or industries from the passage. What does selling goods outside Virginia do for Virginia's economy?

2 How do the Port of Virginia, trucks, and trains work together to connect Virginia businesses with global markets?

3 What service do Virginia data centers provide, and who uses it?

4 How did James E. West's electret microphone affect the global market?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences explaining how one Virginia product or industry and one Virginia innovation can affect people outside Virginia. Name each one, explain its global connection, and describe its impact.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each Virginia product or industry. Circle each detail that shows how it reaches or affects people outside Virginia, so you can connect Virginia's work and ideas to the global economy. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two Virginia products or industries from the passage. What does selling goods outside Virginia do for Virginia's economy?	Answers may name poultry, soybeans, apples, forest products, manufactured goods, or related industries. Selling goods beyond Virginia brings money into Virginia's economy.
2	How do the Port of Virginia, trucks, and trains work together to connect Virginia businesses with global markets?	Cargo ships move containers to and from other countries through the port. Trucks and trains connect the port to Virginia farms, factories, and stores.
3	What service do Virginia data centers provide, and who uses it?	They store and process digital information. People and companies worldwide use that information.
4	How did James E. West's electret microphone affect the global market?	The smaller, sensitive microphone made many devices less expensive and easier to use. It helped technology reach a larger global market through products such as telephones, hearing aids, and recording equipment.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Virginia poultry can be shipped through the Port of Virginia to buyers in other countries. This trade gives Virginia farmers a larger group of customers. James E. West's electret microphone is used in devices sold around the world. Both the product and the invention connect Virginia to the global economy.

For Question 1, accept any two products or industries named in the passage. For the open response, accept a clear four-sentence explanation that accurately connects one Virginia product or industry and West's innovation to people or markets outside Virginia.