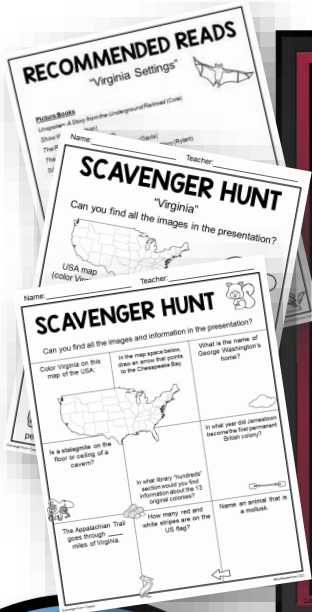


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# LET'S TRAVEL TO...

# VIRGINIA



## OTHER VIRGINIA CITIES



The Roanoke Star sits atop Mill Mountain in Roanoke, VA

Other Virginia cities include:

- Roanoke
- Williamsburg
- Alexandria
- Virginia Beach
- Norfolk
- Chesapeake

GRADES  
2-5

Virginia Library Lesson + Activity



# ON THE SPECIALS?

## SIGN LANGUAGE



V

Virginia is abbreviated as "VA."  
In American Sign Language,  
you say "Virginia" by  
fingerspelling V and A.

## VIRGINIA ON A MAP

Virginia is a small state. Only 15 other states are smaller than Virginia.



Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times each week? There is a variety of content here, so you don't need to use every slide with every grade level. No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

# TWO-PART LESSON

## WHAT IS VIRGINIA KNOWN FOR?

Virginia is known for many things:

- Lots of historical sites
- Chesapeake Bay
- Appalachian Mountains
- Appalachian Trail
- Military schools and bases
- Natural beauty
- 8 US presidents were born here
- Bluegrass, country, and folk music



## SIGN LANGUAGE

“squirrel”

To make the American Sign Language sign for squirrel:

1. Hold up index and middle fingers on both hands (like a number two).
2. Bend the number 2 fingers (like squirrel teeth)
3. Tap the tips of the number 2 fingers together twice, like a quick kiss.



Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation! Each part takes about 25 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## STATE FLOWER



The Virginia state flower is the American dogwood.

## STATE BIRD

The Virginia state bird is the northern cardinal.

Male cardinals have bright reddish-orange feathers.

Some cardinals do not migrate south for winter, so they are very easy to see against snow-covered Virginia trees.



Part I is a guided whole-class discussion. Includes sign language, state flower, flag, bird, map, etc.

# PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

## VIRGINIA STATE CAPITAL

Richmond is the capital city of Virginia.

The Virginia State Capitol building was

designed by the third

Thomas Jefferson

The capitol building is

one of the oldest capitol buildings



## BLUE CRAB

One of the most famous animals in the Chesapeake Bay is the blue crab.

These crabs are named for the blue coloring on the claws and front legs of the males.

If a blue crab loses one of its legs, it can regrow it! Wow!



Sample slides from Part I



# GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

## LET'S READ!

Paste your read-aloud book cover in this area.

See Slide 4 or the Recommended  
Reads for read-aloud suggestions.

DELETE this text before using this slide.

This slide is  
fully-editable,  
including the  
artwork.

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1



Find a book you like.

2



Bring your book to the  
circulation desk.

3



Complete the  
Scavenger Hunt.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide.

# PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

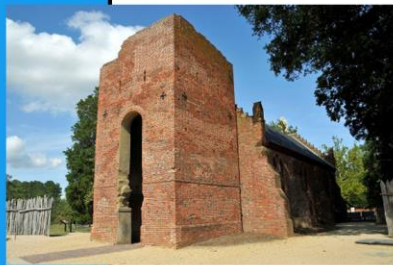
## MOUNT VERNON



In Fairfax, Virginia, you can visit Mount Vernon.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

The first permanent English colony in the New World was in Virginia. It was established in 1607. What is it called?



- A. Williamsburg
- B. Hampton Roads
- C. Jamestown
- D. Appomattox

(answer on next slide)

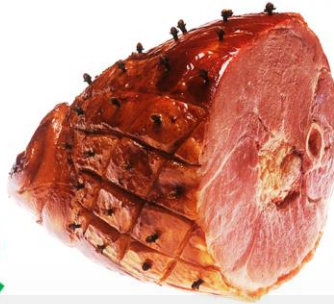
Part II includes additional facts about Virginia wildlife, places of interest, foods, would-you-rathers, and more! These slides are meant to scroll on a timer during checkout time.

# SCROLLING SLIDES

## THIS OR THAT?



Virginia peanuts



OR

### WORD OF THE WEEK

## mollusk

(noun)

A type of animal that has a soft body and use a muscular “foot” to move. They may have a shell. Mollusks are invertebrates, which means they do not have a spine.

Octopuses, squid, oysters, mussels, clams, and snails are all mollusks.



clams



octopus

More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides



# DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

## TRIVIA QUESTION

What famous hiking trail goes through 544 miles of Virginia mountains?



Trail bridge over the

A. Appalachian Trail

B. Oregon Trail



## TRIVIA ANSWER

What famous hiking trail goes through 544 miles of Virginia mountains?

- A. **Appalachian Trail**
- B. Oregon Trail
- C. Pony Express Trail
- D. Ozark Trail

The Appalachian Trail stretches over 2200 miles through 14 US states. Virginia has the longest part of the trail.

I've also included a Google Slides version!

# FACTS & MORE!

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The weather does not matter.

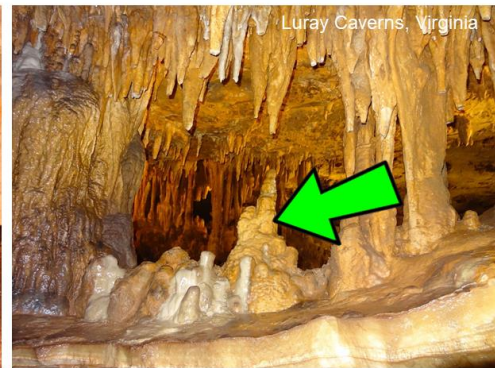
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is in Arlington, Virginia. It honors the unknown soldiers of the United States Army.



## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



Stalactites hang from the ceilings of caverns, like icicles (they hang on "tite")

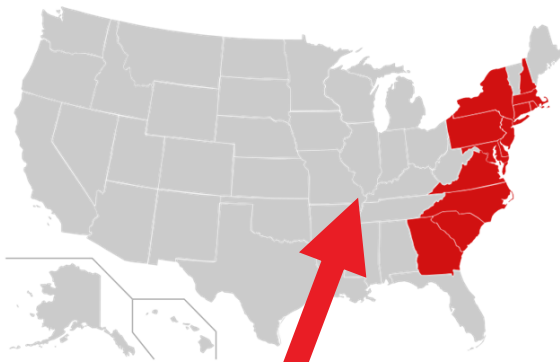


Stalagmites stick up from the floors of caverns (they "mite" make you trip)

# ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

## LIBRARY REVIEW

Virginia was one of the 13 original British colonies. If you wanted to read more about the 13 colonies, what Dewey section would you go to?



- a. 200 – Religion
- b. 400 – Language
- c. 700 – Arts and Recreation
- d. 900 – History and Geography

(answer on next slide)

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# PRE-FILLED LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE

**LESSON PLAN**

**DATES**  
TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

**GRADES**  
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**SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED**

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of Scavenger Hunt (one per student) and parents
- Pencils, colored pencils, and/or markers

**AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK**

**AASL 1.D.3**  
Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

**AASL C.1.1**  
Interacting with content presented by others.

**AASL 1.1.6**  
Read, view, and listen for information presented in any format (e.g., textual, video) in order to make inferences and gather meaning.

**COMMON CORE STANDARDS**

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.10**  
Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.1**  
Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.10**  
By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with accuracy and independence when appropriate for tasks and goals.

**VIRGINIA STUDIES SOLS**

**VS.2** The student will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the lives of the native peoples, past and present, of Virginia and the lives of the people of Virginia.

a) locating Virginia and its bordering states on maps of the United States  
b) identifying the major water features important to the state  
c) locating and identifying water features important to the state  
d) identifying the major water features important to the state  
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y) identifying the major water features important to the state  
z) identifying the major water features important to the state

**THE STUDENTS WILL...**

- Sign the ASL sign for "Virginia"
- Participate in a whole-class discussion about Virginia wildlife, major cities, landmarks, geographical features, flag, etc.
- Find Virginia on a US map
- Identify Richmond as Virginia state capital

**RELATED VIDEO AND BOOK PAIRINGS:**

- "Luray Caverns Virginia" by WIDEANGLE USA (<6 min) Pair with Caves by Nell Cross Beckerman (2022).
- "Nature: Chesapeake Bay" by WIDEANGLE USA (<6 min) Pair with Caves by Nell Cross Beckerman (2022).
- Earth by Rochelle Strauss (2007).
- George Washington and Mount Vernon For Kids by Bedtime History (~2 min) Pair with One Well: The Story of Water on Washington's Teeth by Deborah Chandra (2003).
- Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by The Weather Channel (<4 min) Pair with Twenty-One Steps by Jeff Gottesfeld (2021).

**READ-ALOUD(S)**  
TYPE READ-ALOUD TITLES HERE

**CONCEPTS**

- Virginia wildlife: blue crab, Eastern gray squirrel,
- Important cities in Virginia
- Virginia state flower: dogwood
- Waterways: James River, Chesapeake Bay
- Places of Interest: Luray Caverns, Mount Vernon, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Roanoke Star, Appalachian Trail, Blue Ridge Mountains, Capitol Building, Jamestown, Sharp Top
- Virginia foods: apple butter, Virginia peanuts, Virginia baked ham, oysters
- Vocabulary: brackish water, mollusk

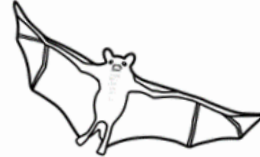
**LIBRARY SKILLS**

If you wanted to read more about the 13 colonies, what Dewey section would you go to? (Dewey section 900)

Includes a pre-filled, editable lesson plan template for this library lesson. AASL, SOLs, TEKS, and CCSS standards are all included on the lesson plan.

# RECOMMENDED READS

## “Virginia Settings”



### Picture Books

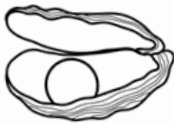
*Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad* (Cole)

*Show Way* (Woodson)

*The Relatives Came* (Rylant)

*The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday* (Davis)

*Silver Packages: An Appalachian Christmas Story* (Rylant)



### Fiction

*Bridge to Terabithia* (Paterson)

*The Secret Battle of Evan Pao* (Shang)

*Belle Prater's Boy* (White)

### Nonfiction & Biography

*When the Schools Shut Down* (Gladden and Pizzoli)

*Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa* (Pinkney)

*... and Hikes the Appalachian Trail* (Thermes)

Includes separate page (editable) that lists 17 titles of books set in Virginia. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.



# PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCAVENGER HUNT

“Virginia”

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

**EASIER**

USA map (color Virginia)

octopus

pelican

arrow that

peanut

kayak

Is a flock of \_\_\_\_\_ a cavern?

The Appalachian Trail goes through \_\_\_\_\_ miles of Virginia.

How many red and white stripes are on the US flag?

Name a \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the images and information in the presentation?

Color Virginia on this map of the USA:

In the map space below, draw an arrow that points to the Chesapeake Bay.

Is a stalagmite on the floor or ceiling of a cavern?

In what year did Jamestown become the first permanent British colony?

What is the name of George Washington's home?

Mount Vernon

900

307

**ANSWER KEY**

544

13 (represents the 13 colonies)

clams, mussels, snails, squid, oysters

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Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

# MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

## LET'S TRAVEL TO TEXAS!



**TEXAS STATE BIRD**

The Texas state bird is the northern mockingbird.



Mockingbirds can imitate the sounds of other birds, plus machinery, music, frogs, and toads!


RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5 Library lesson + activity




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## LET'S TRAVEL TO FLORIDA!




**FLORIDA ON A MAP**

Florida is a peninsula. That means it is surrounded by water on three sides.



RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-5 Library Lesson + Activity



PLAY IN GOOGLE™ SLIDES

## INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP



**LAKES FULL OF LAVA**

There are over 1500 volcanoes on Earth.

Of the 1500, only seven volcanoes are known to have lava lakes.



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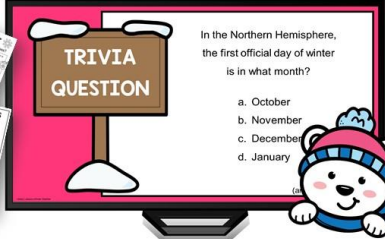
RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT  
ANTARCTICA BY THE NUMBERS

GRADES 3-5 "Antarctica"



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## LIBRARY LESSON



**TRIVIA QUESTION**

In the Northern Hemisphere, the first official day of winter is in what month?

- a. October
- b. November
- c. December
- d. January



RECOMMENDED READS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

GRADES 2-4 "Winter Weather"

