
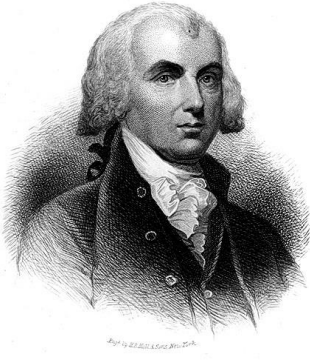


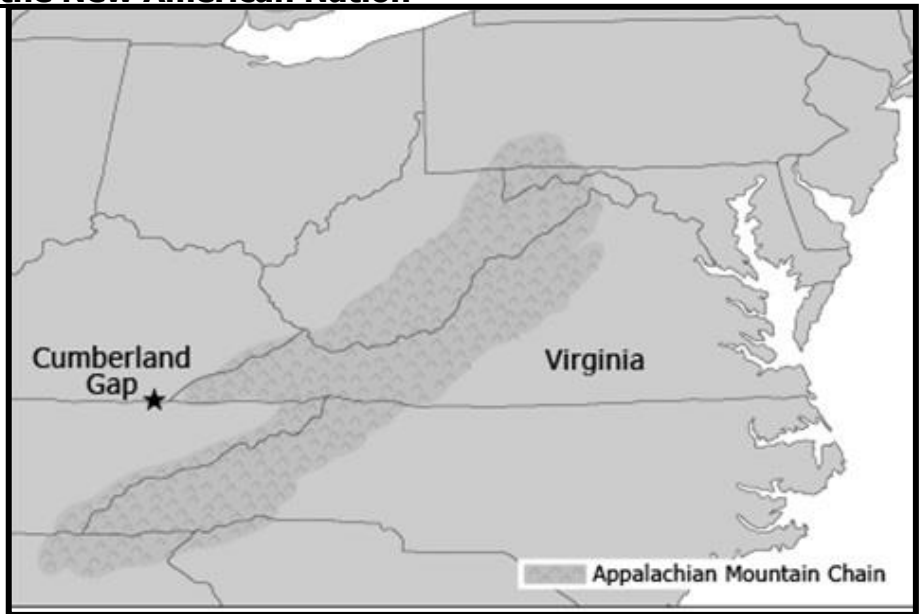


Famous Americans

<p>George Washington</p>  <p>http://www.nndb.com/people/107/000024035/</p>	<p>James Madison</p>  <p>http://tenthamentmentcenter.com/2013/08/07/the-blueprint-james-madisons-advice/</p>	<p>Thomas Jefferson</p>  <p>http://leadershipeducationacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/jefferson2.jpg</p>	<p>George Mason</p>  <p>http://www.gunstonhall.org/georgemason/</p>
<p>Elected as the first President of the United States of America.</p>	<p>Believed in the importance of having a United States Constitution.</p>	<p>He wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom that states that all people should be free to worship as they please.</p>	<p>He wrote the Virginia Declaration of Rights that states that all Virginians should have certain rights, including freedom of religion and freedom of press.</p>
<p>He provided the strong leadership needed to help the young country.</p>	<p>He kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention.</p>	<p>The Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was the basis for the first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, the amendment that protects religious freedom.</p>	<p>The Virginia Declaration of Rights became the basis for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States of America.</p>
<p>He provided a model of leadership for future Presidents.</p>	<p>His skills at compromise helped the delegates reach agreement during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States.</p>	<p>He was the author of the Declaration of Independence.</p>	
<p>He is often referred to as the "Father of Our Country".</p>	<p>He is often referred to as the "Father of the Constitution".</p>	<p>He was our nation's third President.</p>	

Role of Virginia Establishment of the New American Nation

- After the American Revolution, Virginia's agricultural base began to change.
 - Large numbers of Virginians moved west and to other states in the first half of the 1800s to find better farmland and new opportunities.
 - Technological advancements encouraged movement as well



- Settlers crossed the Appalachian Mountains through the **Cumberland Gap** as they migrated to new lands in the west and other states.
- Virginians migrated into western territories and other states looking for large areas of **land** and **opportunities**.



<http://pearlsnapsonderings.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/dscn1606.jpg>

- Tobacco farming was **hard** on the soil, causing many farmers to look westward and into other states for **new land** to farm.



http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/departments/espm/env-hist/espm160/assignments/cumberland/boone_hires.html

- As Virginians moved, they took their traditions, ideas, and cultures with them.