

Social Studies Test Review Sheet

Virginia Indians

1. **Who were the first people to live in Virginia?** (Native) American Indians
2. **Why are the native peoples (first people to live in Virginia) called Indians?** Christopher Columbus believed he was in the West Indies.
3. **What are artifacts?** Items such as arrowheads, pottery, and tools that prove Indians lived here long ago. Items like copper and beads were traded from the English.
4. **What 3 language groups were found in Virginia?** Algonquian, Siouan, and Iroquoian.
5. **How did American Indians adapt to their environment?** They used the **natural** resources that changed with the seasons.
6. **What did the Indians do in the winter for food because they could no longer grow their crops?** They hunted for game (birds and animals).
7. **What is the climate of Virginia?** Mild, with 4 separate seasons.
8. **What is an example of a mild climate?** a) There is a variety of different plants; b) the temperatures are not extremely hot or cold; c) there are 4 distinct seasons. Virginia has a mild climate, which made it a good place for the Indians to settle here.
9. **Because Virginia had many forests, what were the Indians of Virginia known as?** Eastern Woodland Indians.
10. **What did the Indians use animals for?** Food and clothing (they made their shelter from surrounding materials)
11. **What was the name of the town where Chief Powhatan lived (and used as Powhatan leader headquarters) in 1607?** Werewocomoco
12. **Compare Virginia's Indians of today and those that lived in the past.** Today: They have homes like and live like other Americans. In the Past: they hunted, farmed, fished, used animal skins for clothing, and made homes using natural resources.
13. **Why do American Indians still have Pow-wows today?** They still want to celebrate their culture.
14. **What do archaeologists do?** They study material evidence (artifacts) to understand the past
15. **Did Native peoples (Indians) rely on English settlers for help with basic survival?** NO!
16. **Where did Virginia Indians settle in the state of Virginia?** In all areas of the state.

17. **What is the geographic land formation of the Appalachian Plateau region of Virginia?** Plateau (high, flat land).
18. **What is the natural border between the Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions?** The Fall Line
19. **Foods changed with the seasons:** (see chart below)

Winter	Hunted birds and animals; lived on stored food from the fall harvest.
Spring	Hunted, fished and picked berries.
Summer	Grew crops (beans, corn, squash)
Fall	Harvested crops and hunted for foods to preserve and keep for the winter.

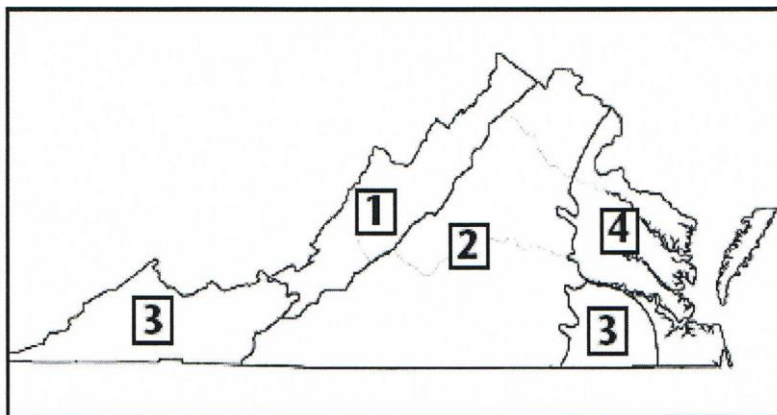
Remember the language groups, tribes, and their locations.

Language Group	Tribe	Location (region)
Algonquian	Powhatan	Coastal Plain (Tidewater) region
Siouan	Monacan	Piedmont region
Iroquoian	Cherokee	Southwest and southern Virginia

****You will need to remember and recognize the locations of the Indian languages on a map of Virginia (see below). Remember the four cardinal directions when looking at the map!!**

- 1=other
- 2=Siouan language
- 3=Iroquoian language
- 4=Algonquian language

Virginia Indians settled in ALL areas of Virginia



Happy Studying! ☺