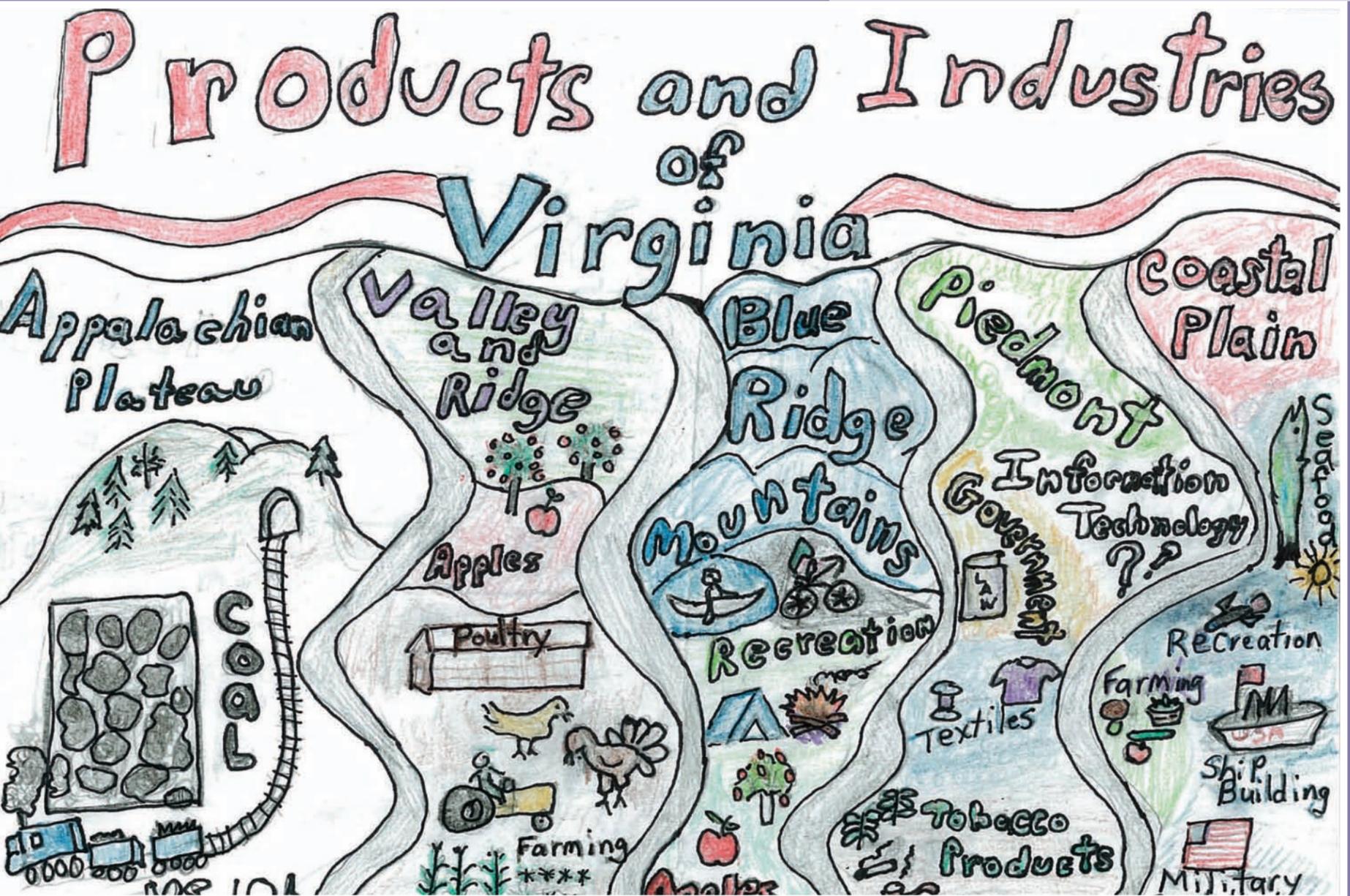


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PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIES OF VIRGINIA

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Definition/Background

The state of Virginia can be divided into five regions: Coastal Plains, Piedmont, Blue Ridge Mountains, Ridge and Valley, and Appalachian Plateau. Different products and industries characterize each region. Industries in Virginia produce goods and services that are used throughout the United States and the world. Examples of products from Virginia include peanuts, apples, coal, seafood, tobacco, and poultry. Industries in Virginia include shipbuilding, tourism, farming, and mining.

Teaching Ideas

1. Design a series of postage stamps featuring the various products and industries of Virginia.
2. Create a class recipe book that features Virginia's agricultural products.
3. Pretend that your class is in charge of recruiting new companies to Virginia to create more jobs. Produce TV commercials using Virginia's products and industries to convince companies to relocate here. Have each group represent a different region. Video record student groups as they present their creations to the class.
4. Instruct students to prepare questions for their own version of the TV program Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Distribute blank index cards. Tell students to write one question and four possible answers concerning Virginia's products and industries. Encourage the students to focus their questions on Virginia's role in international trade. Collect students' cards and use the questions to play the game in class.
5. Challenge the students to an anagram contest. The letters in each phrase can be rearranged to spell a word. The words are products or industries of Virginia. BAT COCO (tobacco), LEST EXIT (textiles), TOY PURL (poultry), SODA FOE (seafood), MAILING CON (coal mining) BUILD HIP SIGN (ship building).

Lessons & Resources

Online Lessons

Virginia Studies: Ready Resources for the Classroom

http://vastudies.pwnet.org/vs10/vs10_b.htm

Virginia Products Word Splash

http://vastudies.pwnet.org/pdf/regions_word_splash.pdf

Virginia Studies Posters Sets

<http://chumby.dlib.vt.edu/melissa/posters/vastudiesposter.html>

Products and Regions of Virginia Foldable Lesson

<http://ppsblogs.net/lisapennington/files/2008/08/vs10b-products-and-industries.pdf>

Literature

- **The Vegetables We Eat** by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House, 2007. Many of Virginia's vegetables are noted. Both small and large scale farm production is featured. [Grades K-3]
- **When I was Young in the Mountains** by Cynthia Rylant. Dutton Children's Books, 1982. A young girl recalls her childhood days in Appalachia. [Grades 2-5]
- **Virginia: Hello U.S.A.** by Karen Sirvaitis. Lerner Publication, 2002. An introduction to the land, history, people, and environment of Virginia is covered in this book of photographs and information about Virginia. [Grades 3-5]

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