

# Virginia

# Worksheets

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## Presidential Birthplace




Virginia was the birthplace of eight U.S. presidents. Can you name the presidents pictured below? Don't forget to map them out.




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## The Old Dominion



The state of Virginia was one of the original 13 colonies. It is nicknamed the "Old Dominion," the first English colonial possession established in North America. Can you complete Virginia's profile?



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## State Symbols




Look at the photos carefully to complete some of Virginia's state symbols. Do additional research if necessary.



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# Virginia Facts



**Virginia, officially the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a U.S. state located in the south Atlantic region of the United States. Geographically, states of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. surround Virginia. On June 25, 1788, it was admitted to the Union as the 10th state.**

- ★ In 1584, Sir Walter Raleigh suggested the name Virginia after England's Virgin Queen, Queen Elizabeth I. Jamestown, Virginia's founding capital, became the first of the original thirteen colonies in 1607. It became known as "the birthplace of a nation."
- ★ Jamestown was founded for silk cultivation and trade with the Court of King James.
- ★ On December 4, 1619, the first Thanksgiving in North America was held in Berkeley, Virginia discrediting Plymouth's feast in 1621.
- ★ In 1693, the College of William and Mary was established in Virginia. It is the second oldest college in the United States.

# Virginia Facts

- ★ According to legends, John Smith, one of Jamestown's settlers was abducted by the Powhatan tribe. Smith claimed that he was saved by Pocahontas, the Chief's daughter.
- ★ Virginia was the only colony that was divided into shires. The General Assembly held in 1634 decided that the state should be divided into eight territories namely: Accomac, Charles City, Charles River, Elizabeth City, Henrico, James City, Warwick River, and Warrosquoake.



***Virginia State  
Capitol  
designed by  
Thomas  
Jefferson***

- ★ Eight U.S. presidents were born in Virginia, including George Washington (Westmoreland), Thomas Jefferson (Shadwell), James Madison (Port Conway), James Monroe (Westmoreland), William Harrison (Berkeley), John Tyler (Greenway), Zachary Taylor (Barboursville), and Woodrow Wilson (Staunton). U.S. First Ladies Martha Washington, Martha Jefferson, Rachel Jackson, Letitia Tyler, Ellen Arthur, and Edith Wilson were also Virginians.
- ★ During the American Revolution, Yorktown was the site of the final American victory, while Richmond became the capital of the Confederate States at the height of the Civil War. Almost half of the 4,000 battles during the Civil War were fought in Virginia.

# Virginia Facts

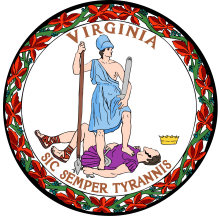


***Pentagon in Arlington after the 9/11 terrorists attacks.***

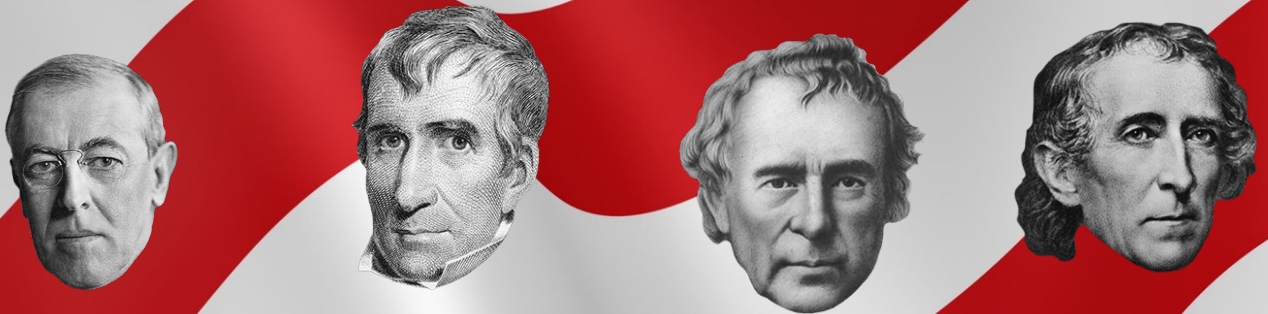
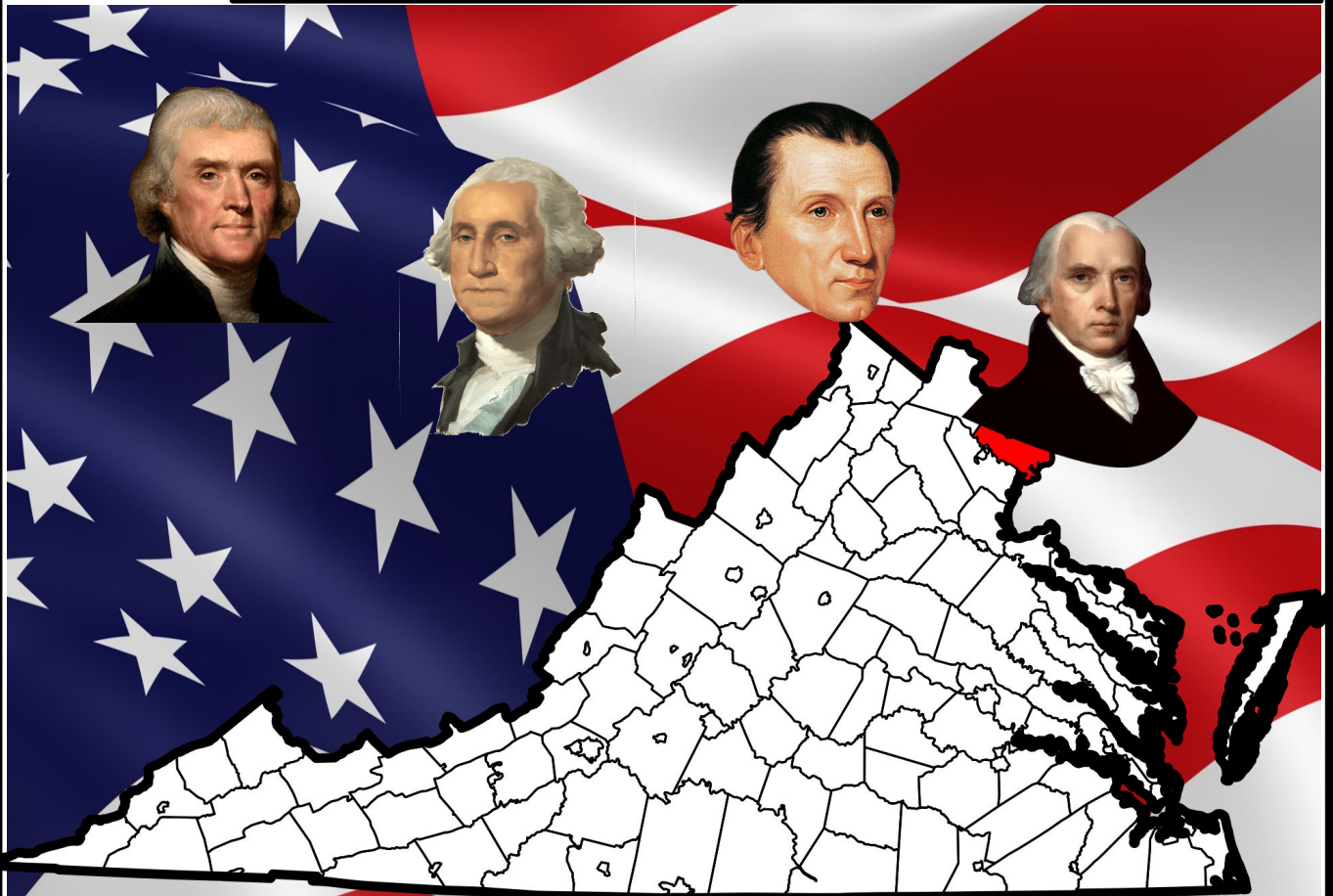
- ★ On April 9, 1865, Confederate States' General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses Grant at the Appomattox Court House, Virginia, which ended the Civil War.
- ★ It was at St. John's Church in Richmond where Patrick Henry delivered his famous "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.
- ★ Thomas Jefferson's house, Monticello, is located in Virginia as well as Washington's home, Mount Vernon.
- ★ On September 11, 1941, the construction of the Pentagon began, exactly 60 years before the terrorist attacks in 2011.
- ★ The Virginia Beach, 35 miles of coastline, holds the longest stretch of pleasure beach in the world according to the Guinness World Records.
- ★ In 1999, Northern Virginia was tagged as the "Internet Capital of the World."
- ★ Today, Virginia is known as the "Old Dominion." Furthermore, Richmond became Virginia's capital city in 1779, after Jamestown and Williamsburg.

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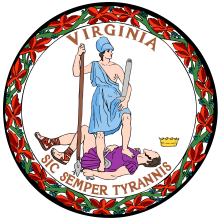
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# Presidential Birthplace



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of Westmoreland

Woodrow Wilson of  
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James  
Madison of  
Port Conway

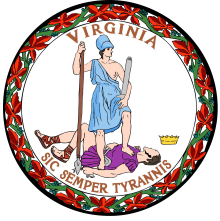
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Shadwell

William Henry  
Harrison of Berkeley

Zachary Taylor of  
Barboursville

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# The Old Dominion



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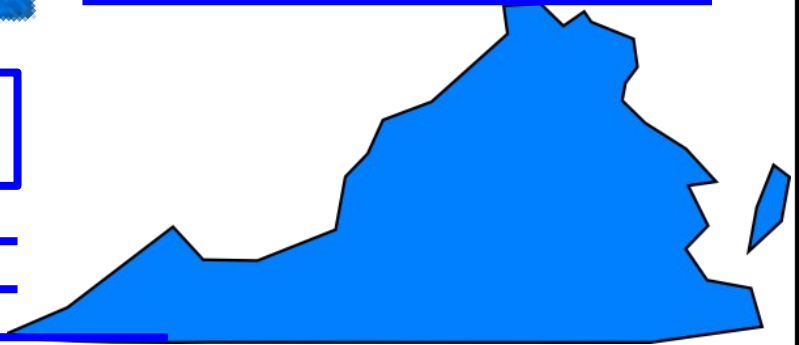
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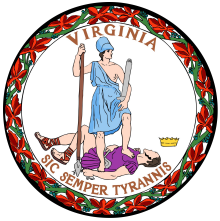
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# The Civil War



More than 2,100 battles during the Civil War were fought in Virginia. It was half of the total battles and more than any other state. Complete the riveting facts by unscrambling the letters below.

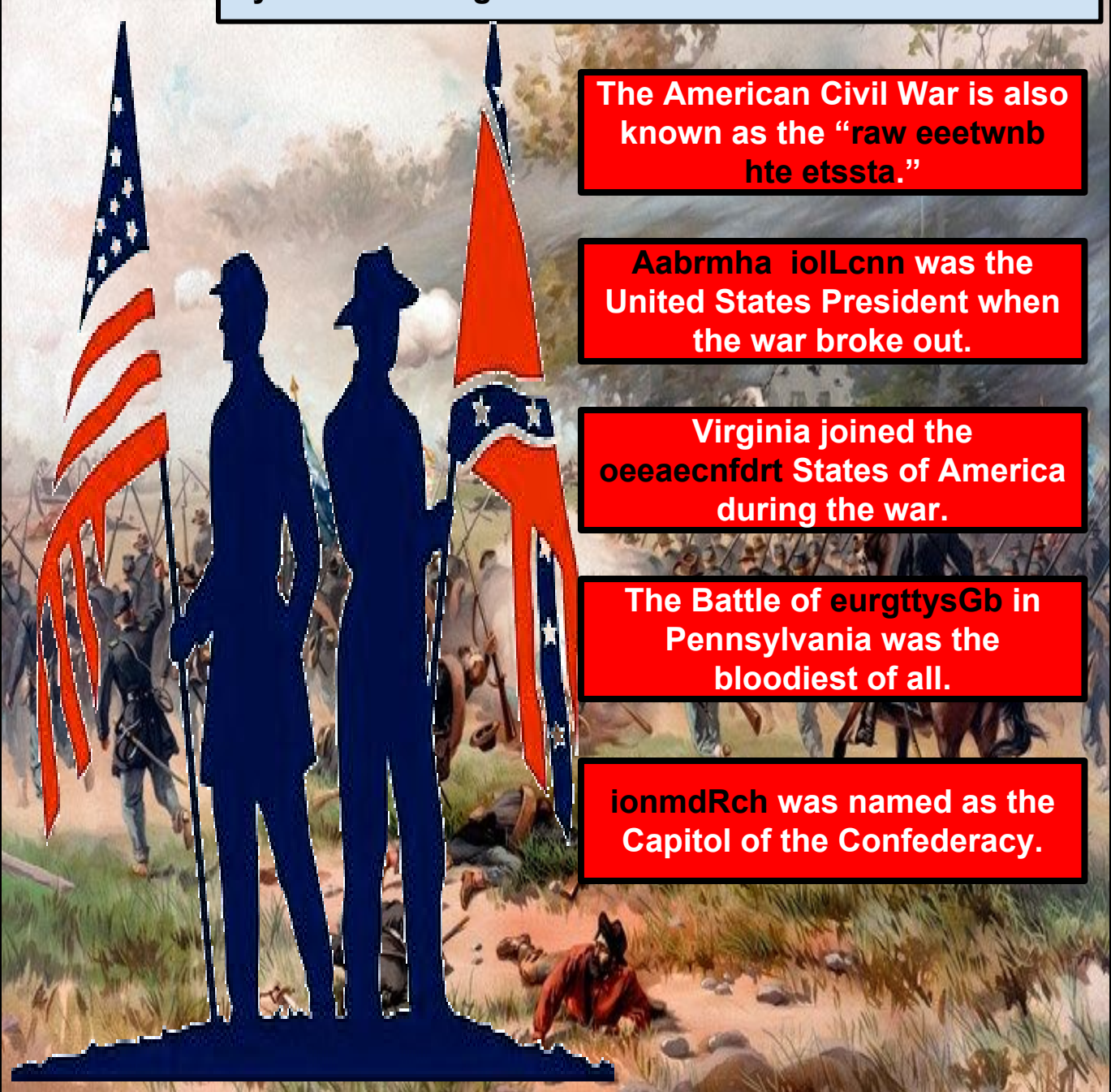
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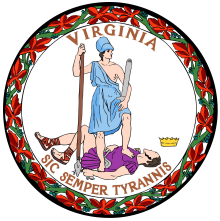
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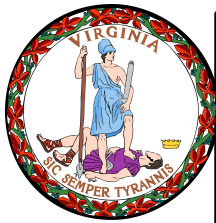
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The Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania was the bloodiest of all.

Richmond was named as the Capitol of the Confederacy.

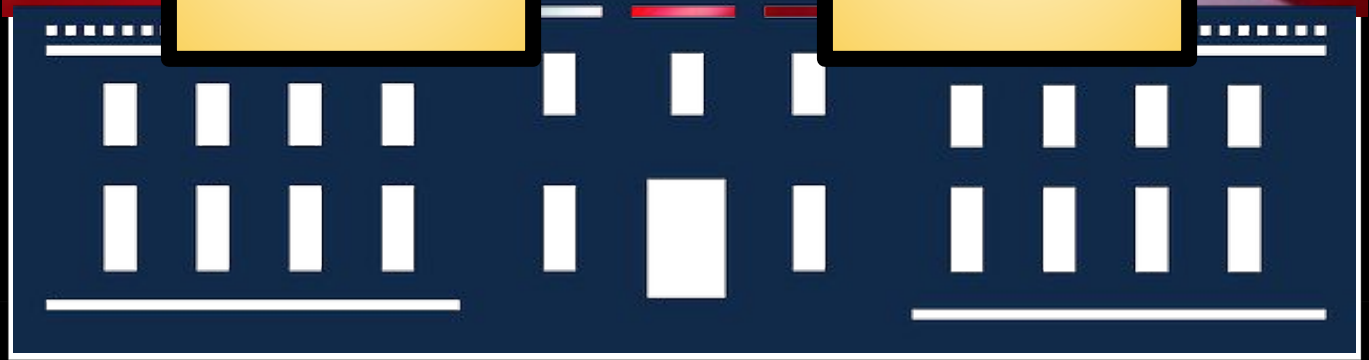
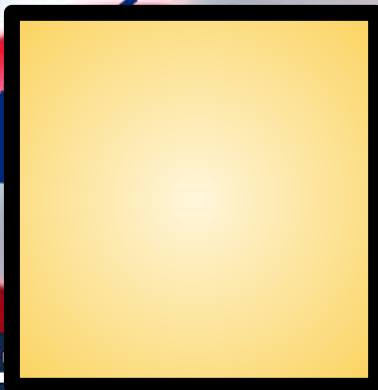
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# Virginia's First Ladies



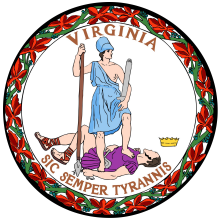
Aside from being the presidential birthplace, Virginia was also the home of six U.S. First Ladies. Find photos and write short biographical narratives about them.

## FIRST LADIES



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# Pentagon



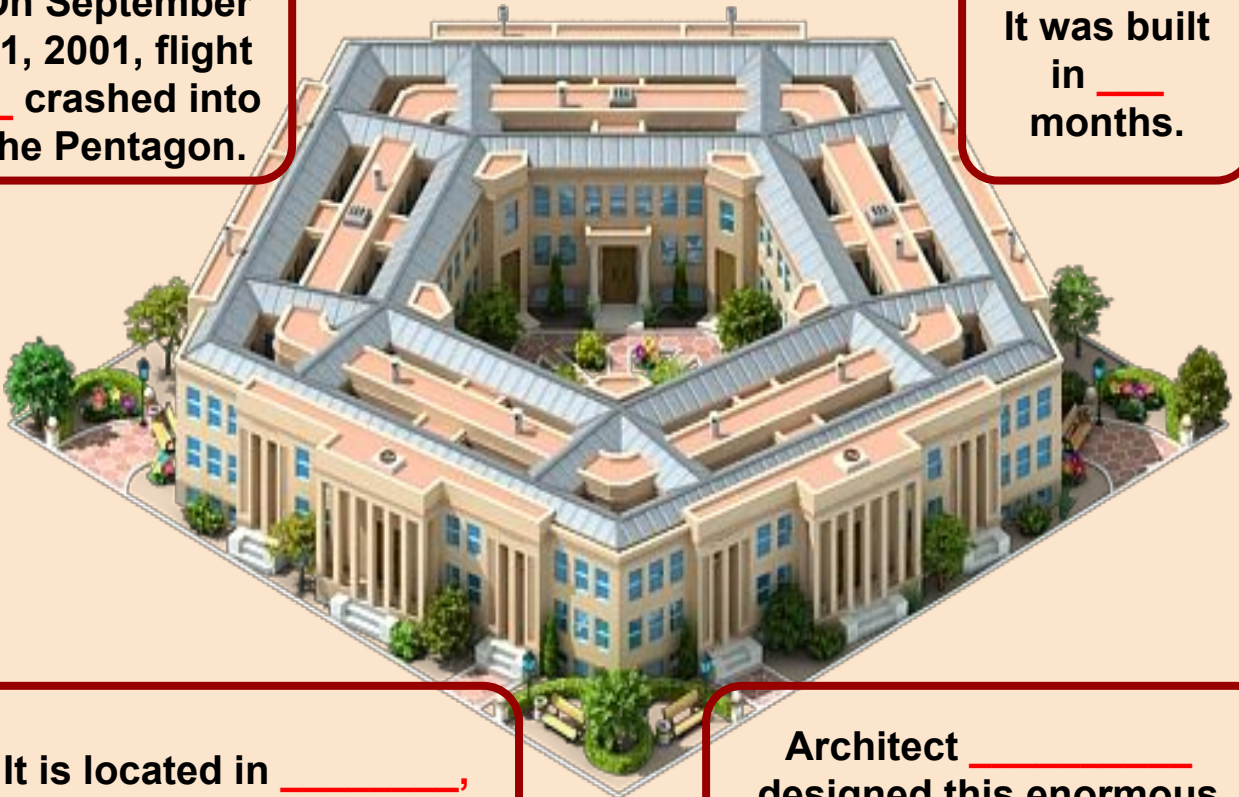
The Pentagon in Virginia is considered the largest office building in the world. It was originally built to house the U.S. Department of Defense in 1941. Provide the missing information about the Pentagon.

The Pentagon houses  
offices for the United States

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and Office of  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

On September  
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\_\_\_ crashed into  
the Pentagon.

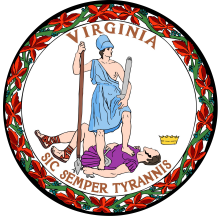
It was built  
in \_\_\_  
months.



It is located in \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
designed this enormous  
building.

# Pentagon

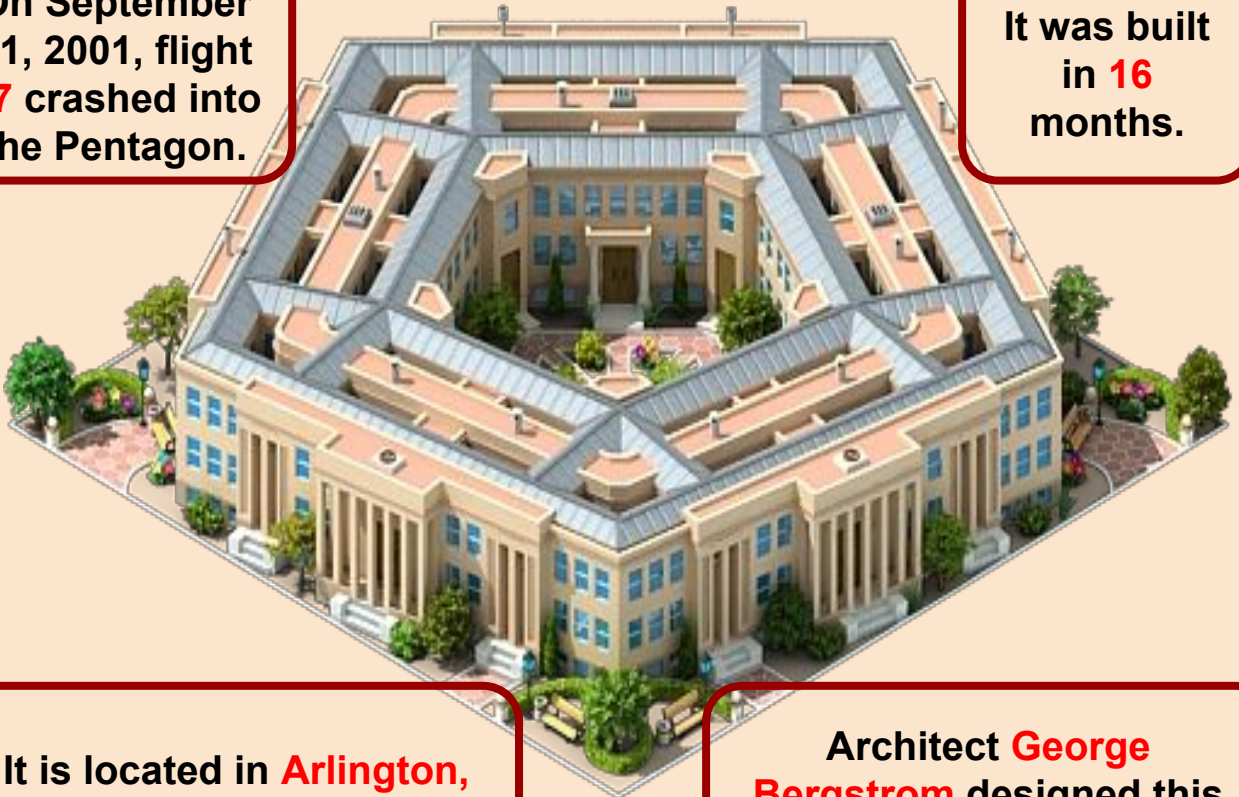


## Answer Key

The Pentagon houses offices for the United States **Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy Army,** and Office of the **Secretary of Defense.**

On September 11, 2001, flight **77** crashed into the Pentagon.

It was built in **16** months.

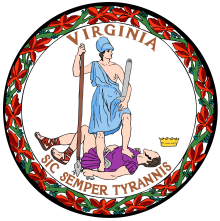


It is located in **Arlington, Virginia.**

Architect **George Bergstrom** designed this enormous building.

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# Famous Houses



Some famous houses can be found in Virginia. Former U.S. Presidents Washington and Jefferson along with their estates mark some of Virginia's historical and notable landmarks. Can you describe their estates?



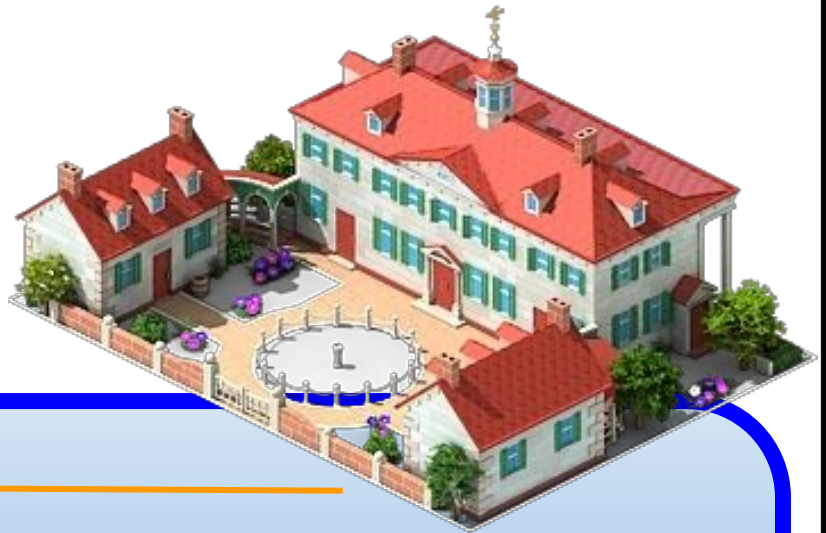
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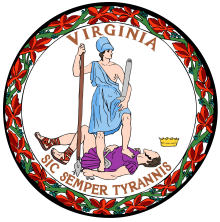
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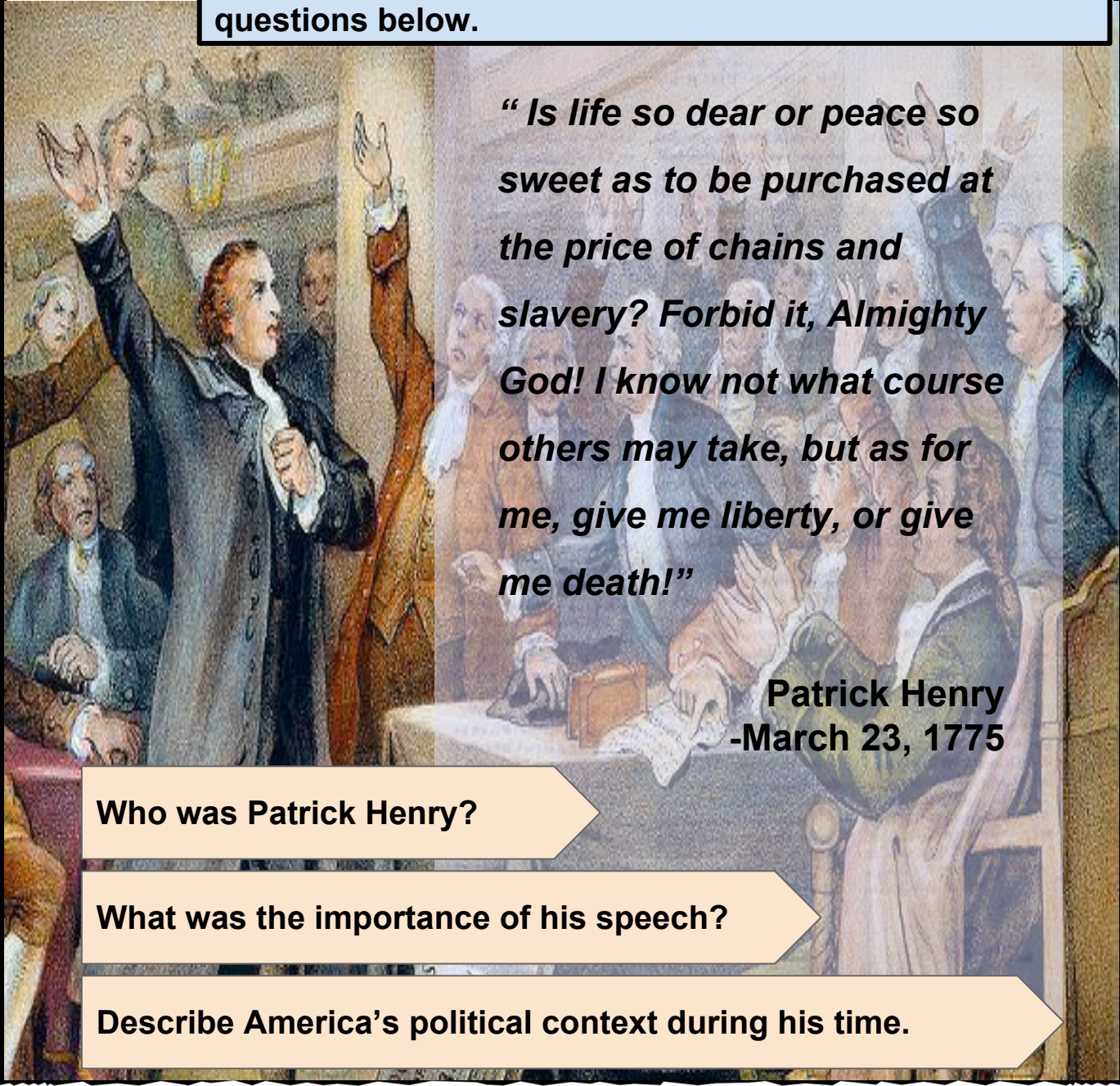


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# “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death”



Patrick Henry gave his famous “*Give Me liberty or Give Me Death*” speech in St. John’s Church in Richmond. It was the beginning of slaves’ struggle for liberty. Read about Henry’s speech online and answer the guide questions below.



*“Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!”*

**Patrick Henry**  
-March 23, 1775

Who was Patrick Henry?

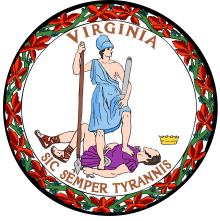
What was the importance of his speech?

Describe America’s political context during his time.



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# The Virgin Queen



Virginia was named after England's "Virgin Queen", Elizabeth I. Let us see how much you know about England's third-longest ruling queen. Write TRUE if the statement is correct. Otherwise change the underlined word.



\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Elizabeth was the daughter of Mary Boleyn and Henry V.

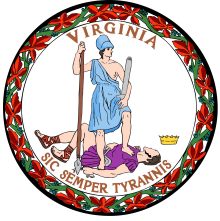
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. She became the last ruling monarch from the Stuart dynasty.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Elizabeth I became the Queen of England from November 17, 1558 until March 24, 1603.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. At the age of 35, she became queen.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Elizabeth's mother was accused of adultery and treason and was beheaded at the Westminster Abbey.

# The Virgin Queen



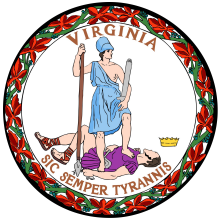
## Answer Key

1. Elizabeth was the daughter of [Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII](#).
2. She became the last ruling monarch from the [Tudor dynasty](#).
3. Elizabeth I became the Queen of England from [November 17, 1558 until March 24, 1603](#). (TRUE)
4. At the age of [25](#), she became queen.
5. Elizabeth's mother was accused of [adultery and incest](#) and was beheaded at the [Tower of London](#).

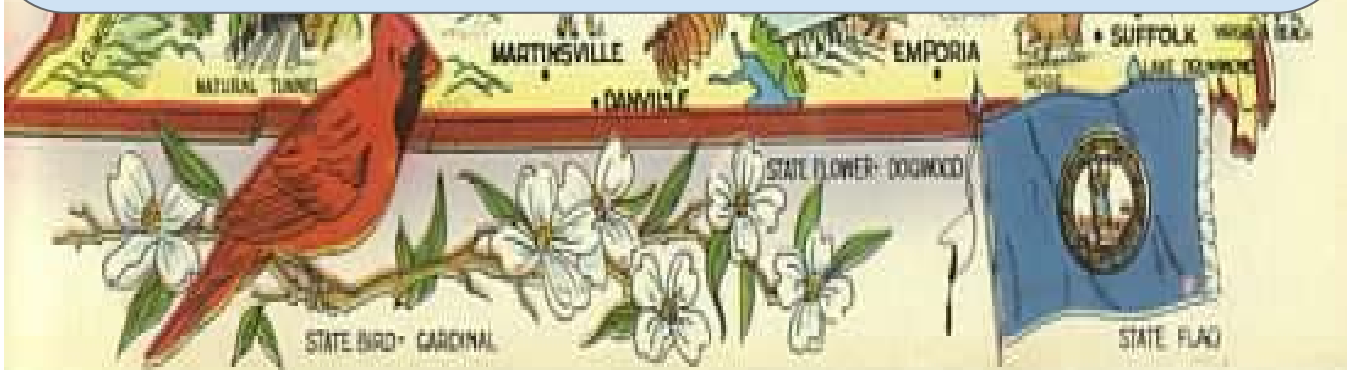


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# Visit Virginia



Take a photo of Virginia's marvelous landmarks and tell us why we should visit those places.



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