

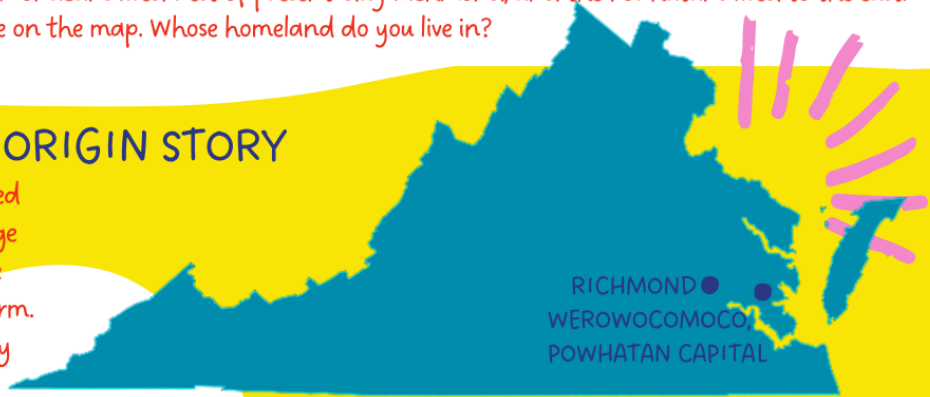
WE LIVE ON NATIVE LAND

BUT HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

Indigenous people lived in what is now called Virginia before anyone else. They still live here today. When English people arrived on Powhatan lands in 1607, they met and wrote about many different people and tribes of the Eastern Woodlands. The Monacans lived west of present-day Richmond, and the Powhatans lived to the east. Draw a dot where you live on the map. Whose homeland do you live in?

THE PATAWOMECKS' ORIGIN STORY

There once was a rabbit who created people, water, fish, and a single large deer who became many deer. The rabbit kept the people safe from harm. The Patowomecks are one of many tribes living in what is now called Virginia. This story was told a long time ago. Why do you think we know about this story today?



EATING WELL

Powhatan people had five seasons, and harvested certain foods during each season. Women in the Eastern Woodlands farmed plants like corn, took care of the soil, and managed wild plants in the woods like berry bushes. Men hunted for deer and other animals.

What Native foods do you see? How would you cook them?

WHAT IS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY?

"Indigenous" can be another way to say "native" to a particular place. We celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day every year to honor the contributions of Native people and recognize Native people who continue to thrive today. Why do you think it is important to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day?



Today, there are 11 tribes "recognized" by the state of Virginia. Find them below:

Monacan, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, Upper Mattaponi, Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Nottoway, Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Rappahannock, Patawomeck, Nansemond

Before the Europeans arrived, Indigenous people spoke their own languages. Many people still speak these languages today. There were three different types of languages in what is now called Virginia:

ALGONQUIAN SIOUAN IROQUOIAN

An Algonquian word for house is yeahawkan (Ya-haw-kan)

A Siouan word for house is ati (a-tee)



Archaeologists study history through "stuff" in the land and water left behind by people. The things they find tell us how people lived in the past. What might archaeologists find from Native people in Virginia? Circle the correct answers.



Deer bones, from preparing meals



Seeds, from planting crops



Fish hooks made of bone, for catching fish



A video game console for having fun after school



Metal axes



Cars



Beads



Pigs

After Europeans arrived in the 1600s, Native people traded with them for things that they wanted. What kind of things from Europe do archaeologists find in places where Native people lived in the 1600s and 1700s? Circle the correct answers.