

Tests for Higher Standards in History/Social Science, Virginia Studies

(VS.3a)

- 8. Which of the following was a reason for the English desire to establish an American colony?**
- A** It wanted to gain favor with the Pope.
 - B** It wanted to discourage other nations from establishing colonies.
 - C** It wanted to establish religious freedom in North America.
 - D** It wanted the settlement to furnish raw materials not grown in England.

(VS.3b)

- 9. The settlers chose the Jamestown site because its location could easily be defended from attack by sea. As a result they chose to build on:**
- A** an island in the James River.
 - B** a narrow peninsula bordered by the James River.
 - C** land twenty miles inland from the James River.
 - D** land where the James River meets the Chesapeake Bay.

(VS.3c)

- 10. In order to establish a settlement in North America, King James I granted a charter to:**
- A** Christopher Newport.
 - B** Sir Walter Raleigh.
 - C** John Smith.
 - D** The Virginia Company of London.

(VS.3d)

- 11. In 1619 the governor of Virginia allowed the colonists to share in the decision-making of the colony. Adult men were given the opportunity to:**
- A** become governor.
 - B** elect representatives.
 - C** choose the next king.
 - D** rewrite the charters.

(VS.3e)

- 12. To encourage a more permanent settlement at Jamestown, the Virginia Company began to:**
- A** build more ships.
 - B** capture the Indians.
 - C** sell more stock.
 - D** send women from England.

(VS.3f)

- 13. The Jamestown settlement was able to survive because:**
- A** everyone shared food and supplies.
 - B** most of the settlers were gentlemen.
 - C** they had plenty of food and supplies.
 - D** a rule was made that in order to eat, you must work.

(VS.3g)

- 14. The Indians traded food, furs, and leather to the settlers for:**
- A** land.
 - B** metal tools.
 - C** tobacco.
 - D** wheat.

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(VS.6a)

28. Due to his skills at compromising and keeping of detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention, what Virginian became known as “Father of the Constitution”?

- A Benjamin Franklin
- B James Madison
- C Thomas Jefferson
- D George Washington

(VS.6b)

29. George Mason stated that all men have certain rights and that all power comes from the people when he wrote the:

- A Virginia Declaration of Rights.
- B Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom.
- C Gettysburg Address.
- D Virginia Plan.

30. The idea that all individuals may worship as they please was adopted in the:

- A First Amendment
- B Virginia Charter
- C Article of Confederation
- D English Bill of Rights

(VS.6c)

31. After the American Revolution, many Virginians decided to move west because:

- A the cities had become too crowded.
- B of conflict with the French fur trappers and traders.
- C Indian attacks increased.
- D tobacco farming had worn out the soil and they needed better farmland.

32. The main route through the Appalachian Mountains was through the:

- A James River
- B Great Valley of Virginia
- C Cumberland Gap
- D Wilderness Gap

(VS.7a)

33. As the country grew and expanded, new states wanted to become part of the United States. New states which were opposed to slavery were called:

- A patriot states.
- B slave states.
- C free states.
- D loyalist states.

34. The invention of the cotton gin in 1793 caused cotton to become a valuable crop and:

- A the North to become an agricultural area.
- B made slave labor more important in the South.
- C led to an increase of slavery in the North.
- D created a rapid rise of factories in the South.

35. The slave rebellion of 1831 that resulted in harsher laws to control slaves was led by:

- A Nathaniel Bacon.
- B Crispus Attucks.
- C Frederick Douglass.
- D Nat Turner.

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(VS.9a)

52. During the 20th century, Virginia changed from an agricultural to an industrial society because:

- A** crop prices were high.
- B** farm land was too expensive.
- C** old systems of farming were no longer effective.
- D** railroads took all of the best farm land.

53. The cities in the Northern Virginia area of the Piedmont region have experienced growth due to:

- A** jobs in the federal government and computer technology.
- B** the interstate highway system.
- C** the large number of museums and parks in the area.
- D** the development of the Metro, an underground system of mass transit.

(VS.9b)

54. The establishment of full equality of all races in the use of public facilities is called:

- A** desecration.
- B** integration.
- C** massive resistance.
- D** segregation.

55. Many Virginians opposed the Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Their movement was called:

- A** Massive Resistance.
- B** Abolitionist Movement.
- C** Reconstruction.
- D** Emancipation.

(VS.9c)

56. Which African American started a newspaper, opened a bank for African Americans, and became the first woman bank president in America?

- A** Pearl Bailey.
- B** Maggie Lena Walker.
- C** Ellen Glasgow.
- D** Rosa Parks.

57. The first African American to be elected Governor of Virginia and of any state is:

- A** Martin Luther King, Jr.
- B** Robert Scott.
- C** L. Douglas Wilder.
- D** Jesse Jackson.

(VS.10a)

58. The legislative branch of Virginia's government:

- A** carries out the laws.
- B** decides the meaning of laws.
- C** makes the laws.
- D** vetoes laws.

59. The judicial branch may study a law to see whether or not it agrees with the:

- A** House of Delegates.
- B** Constitution of Virginia.
- C** General Assembly.
- D** Governor.