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**Study Guide on Maps**

***Map Terms:***

**Equator –** An imaginary line running east to west in the middle of the Earth that separates the

northern hemisphere from the southern hemisphere.

**Prime Meridian –** An imaginary line running north to south, extending through western

Europe and Africa, separating the eastern hemisphere from the western

Hemisphere.

**Lines of Longitude –** Imaginary lines on maps and globes that measure the distance east and

west of the Prime Meridian. They run north to south.

**Lines of Latitude –** Imaginary lines on maps and globes that measure the distance north and

south of the equator. They run from east to west.

**Hemisphere –** One half of the Earth’s surface

**Continent –** Huge area of land

**Compass Rose –** A drawing that indicates directions on a map

**Map Key –** A guide telling you what each symbol represents

**Map Scale –** Needed to find the real size of distance on a map

**Map –** A visual representation of an area

***Five States that Surround Virginia:***

**M**aryland **W**est Virginia **K**entucky **T**ennessee **N**orth Carolina

**“M**ustard **W**ith **K**etchup **T**astes **N**asty”

***Four Major Rivers in Virginia:***

**P**otomac **R**appahannock **Y**ork **J**ames

“**P**lease **R**emember **Y**our **J**acket”

***Notable Cities on Each of the Four Major Rivers:***

**Alexandria –** Potomac River

**Fredericksburg –** Rappahannock River

**Yorktown –** York River

**Richmond & Jamestown –** James River

**\*\*\*Note that all of the rivers start in the mountains, flow down into the Chesapeake Bay, and then out into the Atlantic Ocean.\*\*\***

***Two Major Bodies of Water in Virginia:***

**Atlantic Ocean –** Provided transportation links between Virginia and other places (ex. Europe)

**Chesapeake Bay –** Provided a safe harbor; Was a source of food and transportation

***Peninsulas in Virginia:***

**Peninsula –** A piece of land that is surrounded by water on three sides

**Northern Neck**

**Middle Peninsula**

**Lower Peninsula**

**Eastern Shore –** A peninsula bordered by the Chesapeake Bay to the west and the Atlantic

Ocean to the east

***Notable Terms/Facts:***

**Relative Location –** May be described using terms that show connections between two places such as “next to,” “near,” and “bordering.”

**Richmond is the capital of Virginia.**