

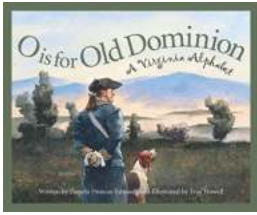
Virginia Alphabet - Discover America State By State



When it comes to the United States of America, each state has its own unique charm, history, and cultural significance. Today, we shall embark on a journey to discover one of the most fascinating states in the country - Virginia.

Virginia - The Birthplace of a Nation

Virginia, also known as the "Old Dominion" and the "Mother of Presidents," holds a prominent place in American history. Being one of the original 13 colonies, Virginia played a crucial role in the formation and growth of the United States. From the first permanent English settlement in Jamestown to the founding fathers who hailed from this state, Virginia boasts a wealth of historical landmarks and stories waiting to be explored.



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A - Arlington National Cemetery



Arlington National Cemetery is a place of honor and remembrance, serving as the final resting place for over 400,000 military veterans and their family members. This sacred ground pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It is a must-visit destination to pay respect and honor to the brave men and women who served in the armed forces.

B - Blue Ridge Mountains



The Blue Ridge Mountains stretch 550 miles from Georgia to Pennsylvania, with a significant portion passing through Virginia. These majestic mountains offer breathtaking views, scenic hiking trails, and a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Whether you're an adventure seeker or a nature lover, the Blue Ridge Mountains are a haven waiting to be explored.

C - Colonial Williamsburg



Step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich history of Colonial Williamsburg. This living history museum showcases restored buildings and reenactments of life during the 18th century. From interacting with costumed interpreters to experiencing traditional crafts and trades, Colonial Williamsburg offers a unique opportunity to relive America's early days.

D - Dominion Energy



Dominion Energy, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is a leading energy company committed to providing clean, reliable, and sustainable energy solutions. With a strong focus on renewable resources and reducing carbon emissions, Dominion Energy strives to create a greener future for generations to come.

E - Edgar Allan Poe Museum



For literature enthusiasts and fans of the macabre, the Edgar Allan Poe Museum in Richmond is a must-visit. Dedicated to preserving and showcasing the life and works of Poe, this museum offers a deep dive into the mind of one of America's most celebrated authors. Discover the haunting tales and dark poetry that have captivated readers for generations.

F - First Landing State Park



First Landing State Park, situated on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, is where English colonists first arrived in Virginia in 1607. This beautiful coastal park offers camping, swimming, hiking, and boating opportunities, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of Virginia and learn about its historical significance.

G - George Washington's Mount Vernon



Journey to the estate of our first President - George Washington's Mount Vernon. This meticulously preserved mansion and gardens provide a glimpse into the life and times of Washington. Take a tour of the beautifully furnished rooms, stroll through the lush gardens, and learn about the extraordinary contributions of this founding father.

H - Historical Jamestowne



Visit the site of the first permanent English settlement in North America - Jamestown. This historic site holds the remains of the original fort and offers a fascinating insight into the challenges faced by the early settlers. Explore the archaeological digs, view uncovered artifacts, and learn about the pivotal events that shaped America's history.

I - Innovation at NASA Langley Research Center



Nestled in Hampton, Virginia, stands the NASA Langley Research Center - a hotbed of innovation and scientific discovery. From pioneering advancements in aeronautics to space exploration, this facility has played a crucial role in expanding our knowledge and pushing the boundaries of what is possible. Embark on a journey through space and time at this iconic research center.

J - Jefferson's Monticello



Discover the architectural masterpiece that is Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Situated atop a scenic hill in Charlottesville, Monticello showcases Jefferson's brilliance as an architect, inventor, and statesman. Explore the beautifully designed rooms, walk through the vast gardens, and delve into the mind of one of America's most influential figures.

K - Kings Dominion



If you're looking for excitement and adrenaline-fueled fun, Kings Dominion amusement park has got you covered. This family-friendly destination offers a plethora of thrilling rides, live entertainment, and water attractions. From heart-pounding roller coasters to refreshing water slides, Kings Dominion promises an unforgettable experience for all ages.

L - Luray Caverns



Descend into the fascinating underground world of Luray Caverns, Virginia's largest cavern system. Marvel at the breathtaking stalactites, stalagmites, and other unique limestone formations that have been formed over millions of years. This natural wonder offers a captivating glimpse into the geological history of the region.

M - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



Art aficionados and culture seekers will be delighted by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. With an extensive collection spanning over 5,000 years of human creativity, this museum showcases works by renowned artists from around the world. From ancient Egyptian artifacts to contemporary masterpieces, every visit to the museum is a journey through artistic excellence.

N - Norfolk Naval Station



Naval history comes alive at Norfolk Naval Station, the largest naval complex in the world. Explore this impressive maritime base, witness the size and might of naval vessels, and gain a deeper understanding of the United States Navy's vital role in the nation's defense. A visit to Norfolk Naval Station is a chance to appreciate the bravery and dedication of our armed forces.

O - Outdoor Adventures in Shenandoah National Park



If you crave outdoor adventures and stunning landscapes, Shenandoah National Park is a dream come true. Spanning over 200,000 acres, this park offers scenic drives, hiking trails, wildlife spotting, and camping experiences. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, witness cascading waterfalls, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

P - Pamplin Historical Park



Step back into the Civil War era at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg, Virginia. This living history museum recreates the atmosphere of the 19th century and offers insights into the lives of soldiers and civilians during this tumultuous time in American history. Explore the fully restored antebellum plantation house, participate in interactive exhibits, and witness living history demonstrations.

Q - Quantico Marine Corps Base



Visit Quantico Marine Corps Base, located near Triangle, Virginia, and get a glimpse into the rigorous training that shapes the brave men and women of the United States Marine Corps. From observing training exercises to touring the National Museum of the Marine Corps, this base provides an opportunity to appreciate the dedication, discipline, and sacrifice of our marines.

R - Revolutionary War at Yorktown



Take a step back into Revolutionary War history and visit Yorktown, the site of the decisive 1781 Battle of Yorktown that led to America's independence. Explore the battlefield, visit historic homes and museums, and learn about the pivotal events that shaped the future of the United States. Yorktown is a testament to the bravery and resilience of the American people.

S - Shenandoah Valley



Known as the "Big Valley" or "The Great Valley," Shenandoah Valley offers a picturesque getaway surrounded by the majestic Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains. This region is renowned for its charming small towns, wineries, farms, and outdoor recreational activities. Discover the scenic beauty, rich history, and warm hospitality that make Shenandoah Valley a true gem of Virginia.

T - Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia



Founded by Thomas Jefferson himself, the University of Virginia (UVA) in Charlottesville embodies the ideals of academic excellence and architectural beauty. Explore the grounds of this prestigious institution, marvel at the iconic Rotunda building, and soak in the rich intellectual heritage that has shaped countless minds within its hallowed halls.

U - Unique Cuisine of Virginia



Virginia's gastronomy scene is as diverse as the state itself. From delectable seafood caught fresh from the Chesapeake Bay to mouthwatering barbecue delights, Virginia offers a plethora of unique culinary experiences. Indulge in famous dishes like Chesapeake Bay crabs, Virginia ham, and Brunswick stew, and explore the vibrant food culture that showcases the state's agricultural heritage.

V - Virginia Beach



Virginia Beach is a popular coastal city that attracts tourists from all over with its stunning sandy beaches, lively boardwalk, and diverse recreational activities. Whether you want to relax under the sun, surf the Atlantic waves, explore the bustling Oceanfront area, or enjoy fresh seafood at waterfront restaurants, Virginia Beach has something for everyone.

W - Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum



Delve into the fascinating life and legacy of the 28th President of the United States at the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum in Staunton. Explore the historic house where Wilson was born, visit the museum dedicated to his life and presidency, and gain insights into his influential role in shaping the nation during World War I and the subsequent years.

X - Explore Virginia's Rich Cultural Diversity

Celebrate the 400th Anniversary in Virginia Wine

1619-2019

In the year 1619 *Vitis Vinifera* vines were first brought from Europe to America with the intent to produce wine in Virginia. Eight vignerons were brought from France to set the stage for a thriving wine industry 400 years later. Virginia's Heritage is a celebration of this historic event. This limited-edition Virginia wine is a blend from many of the state's finest wineries, in recognizing Virginia as the cradle of American Winegrowing.

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Virginia is a melting pot of diverse cultures and ethnicities, contributing to its vibrant and inclusive community. Embrace the various festivals, events, and celebrations that showcase the state's multicultural heritage. From the international Richmond Folk Festival to the annual Greek Festival, there's always an opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Virginia's cultural fabric.

Y - York River State Park



Situated along the banks of the scenic York River, York River State Park offers a serene outdoor retreat for nature enthusiasts. Enjoy kayaking or canoeing along the river, explore the miles of hiking and biking trails, or embark on a wildlife spotting adventure. With its unspoiled beauty and abundance of flora and fauna, York River State Park is a paradise for outdoor lovers.

Z - Ziplining Adventure in Virginia's Canopy



If you're seeking an adrenaline rush and a unique perspective of Virginia's natural beauty, try ziplining through the state's lush forests. Several adventure parks offer exhilarating zipline courses, allowing you to soar through the treetops and embrace the thrill of the great outdoors in a completely new way.

Virginia truly has something for everyone. From its historical landmarks and natural wonders to its vibrant cultural scene and delicious cuisine, the Old Dominion state offers an unforgettable experience for visitors. So, pack your bags, embark on a journey through Virginia's alphabet, and discover the rich tapestry of America - state by state.

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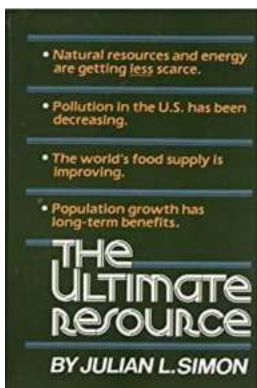
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From Arlington National Cemetery (once part of Robert E. Lee's homestead) to magnificent Monticello, Virginia has always had a prominent place in American history. Jamestown, Williamsburg, and even the Pentagon are just a few of the many places highlighted in *O is for Old Dominion*. Readers will also be introduced to such history makers as George Washington, Patrick Henry, and Booker T. Washington. Pamela Duncan Edwards came from England to live in Virginia twenty years ago and fell in love with her new home. Pamela was a children's librarian before becoming the author of nearly twenty-five picture books. She thinks Virginia is the most beautiful state and hopes she will live there forever. Pamela makes her home in Vienna, Virginia. Artist Troy Howell has had a prolific career as a children's book illustrator, with countless books to his credit. He received his formal art education from the Art Center in Los Angeles and the Illustrators' Workshops in New York. Troy lives in Falmouth, Virginia.



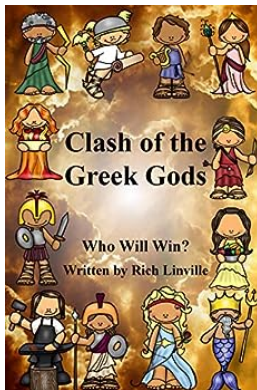
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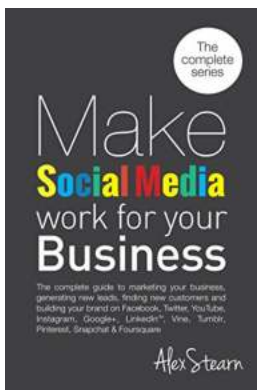
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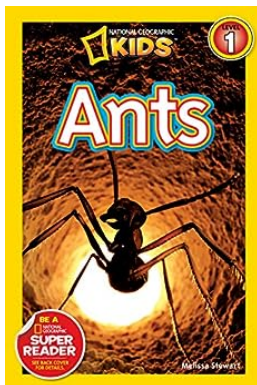
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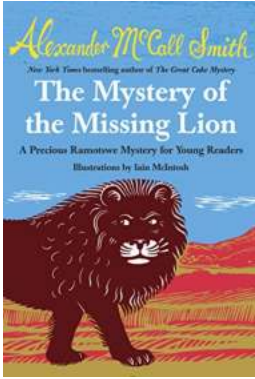
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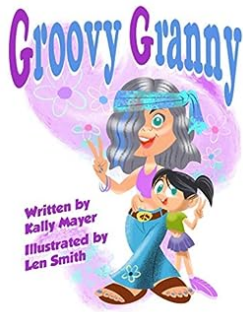
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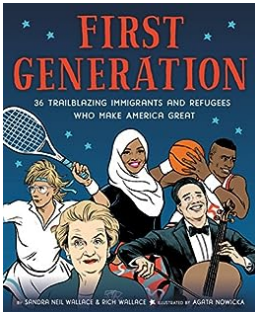
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