Explore Chesapeake

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Chesapeake, Virginia is one of the seven major cities that make up the area known as Hampton Roads. Chesapeake is a very interesting city with a lot of history including events such as the Battle of Great Bridge.

**GUIDELINES:** Visit Chesapeake. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

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**DISCOVER**
- Take a look at Chesapeake on a map and identify where it is located in Virginia. Which cities surround Chesapeake? Which bodies of water run through Chesapeake? What is the current population of Chesapeake?
- What are some historical events which occurred in Chesapeake? Identify three and compose a brief summary of each event. What was significant about each of these events? How did they influence Virginia’s history?
- Investigate some brief political information about Chesapeake. Who is the House Representative of Chesapeake? How many terms have he or she served? Which congressional district is Chesapeake a part of? What is some legislation being considered that is important specifically to Chesapeake and Hampton Roads? To become personally involved, consider attending a school board, planning commission, city council meeting or town hall meeting. For more information, visit the city website listed above.
- Chesapeake’s location near several major bodies of water historically facilitated commerce and trade in the area. How do you think this affected Chesapeake’s local economy? Research the establishment of the Dismal Swamp Canal, a creation which is considered the initiation of the region as a commerce center. To learn more or to participate in additional activities, check out the following website: [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_dismal_swamp/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_dismal_swamp/).

**CONNECT**
- Take a journey on one of Chesapeake’s historic Civil War trails. These trails often cover ground that was part of significant battles and paths for the Underground Railroad. For more details on these trails and their locations, check out this link: [civilwartraveler.com/EAST/VA/va-tidewater/twmore.html#Chesapeake](http://civilwartraveler.com/EAST/VA/va-tidewater/twmore.html#Chesapeake).
- Visit Chesapeake’s planetarium (312 Cedar Road). Call in advance to schedule a reservation by calling (757) 547-0153. In addition, every Thursday night at 8 p.m. free showings are available to the public.
- Visit the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast regional center, A Place for Girls 912 Cedar Road. For more information about A Place for Girls, call (757) 547-4405 or check out their website [www.gscoc.org](http://www.gscoc.org). During your trip, be sure to participate in at least one of the following activities:
  - Stay overnight in the Fun Room (Ext. 1221)
  - Attend an age level activity held evenings & weekends (Ext. 1264)
  - Canoe Bells Mill Creek (757) 548-3809
  - Complete the fitness trail (brochures available on website or by calling Ext. 1221)
- Take a trip to Chesapeake’s Arboretum (624 Oak Road). Explore some of the nature trails or check out their events calendar and participate in an activity. Before your visit, take a look at their website [chesapeakearboretum.org](http://chesapeakearboretum.org) or call (757) 382-7060.
- Visit Northwest River Park and participate in several activities, such as fishing, hiking, or paddle-boating. If possible, consider staying overnight on one of the sixty-six available campground sites, or renting one of the two cabins. To check out more information about this activity, visit cityofchesapeake.net/Government/City-Department/parks/nwrp.html

**TAKE ACTION**
- Create a collage from photos you have taken during one of your trips in the CONNECT section. Share your collage with the place you visited and use it as a means to inspire others to visit too.
- Volunteer at the Chesapeake Arboretum and experience more time in nature. Please note that volunteers under the age of 16 must have adult supervision. For information on volunteering, visit: [chesarbor.org/get-involved/volunteers/](http://chesarbor.org/get-involved/volunteers/).
- Volunteer at one of Chesapeake’s local libraries. This activity is suitable for volunteers ages 12 and above. In order to start, check out the following link and fill out the application listed: [chesapeake.lib.va.us/site-page/volunteers](http://chesapeake.lib.va.us/site-page/volunteers).
- Volunteer at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. All volunteers must be at least 15 years of age. For more information about volunteering here, take a look at their website: [chesapeakeRegional.com/I-want-to/volunteer-services](http://chesapeakeRegional.com/I-want-to/volunteer-services).

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