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Encyclopedia Virginia (EV) is a comprehensive and publicly accessible online reference work published by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Set to debut in 2007, EV will chronicle the heritage of Virginia through the perspectives of all the diverse peoples who have lived here and have helped make the state what it is today. This kaleidoscope of voices will allow EV to tell the story of Virginia as a dialogue, presenting the fullest and most inclusive picture possible. EV will serve as an innovative learning resource that promotes a greater understanding of Virginia and Virginians, offering users sound and video excerpts, images and maps, collections of articles on related topics, advanced cross-referencing and search functions, and bibliographies for additional research. EV will continue to publish installments until it covers each section broadly and deeply.

As the most comprehensive digital reference guide to the state, *Encyclopedia Virginia* will connect users to entries on topics that range from "Government and Politics" and "Transportation and Communication" to "Arts and Culture" and "Land and Resources."



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