

Benchmark: Geography 2



Figure 1. Extent of the Atlantic Coastal Plain in Maryland and adjacent states.

Brief Constructed Response Prompt: Prompt: How might farms in the Piedmont be different from farms on the Atlantic Coastal Plain?

Desired Response(s):

Students should compare the two landforms with any of these facts:

ACP -flat land with fertile but sandy soils made clearing fields easier.
Piedmont- hilly land is harder to farm, but soils were good for some crops, and grazing of livestock was possible. Students also might discuss differences in crops, size of fields, or equipment used.

Rubric

- 2 = This response gives a valid response with an accurate and relevant explanation.
- 1 = This response gives a valid response with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.
- 0 = inaccurate or no response