

**Reminder: The essay can only be written in the space provided. No extra sheets may be attached.**

**Instructions:**

**Read the following essay question carefully. Write your essay on the back of this paper.**

Pretend that you are Governor Joe Manchin III. You are persuading me, a textile manufacturer from Thailand, to open my plant in West Virginia. Include these points in your presentation:

1. Tell me where I should locate my plant?
2. Tell me what resources you have to offer?
3. Tell me if I can recruit my workers from this location or if I will need to bring people in to fill the jobs I have? For example, are your citizens educated well enough to handle jobs such as:
  - a. finance (payroll, budget, etc.)
  - b. design
  - c. assembly
  - d. managers
  - e. vice-presidents
  - f. Other jobs you may want to add.
4. Tell me what I might expect to pay in taxes? Are they high or low? Can I get a tax break? If so, how long will my tax break last?
5. Tell me what the average cost of living might be?
6. Explain my choices in transportation to ship my product? Am I close to an Interstate, railroad, waterway, and/or an airport? Will it be difficult to ship my product? Will it be difficult to receive the materials I will need for my product?
7. Your goal is to convince me to build a new plant somewhere in West Virginia.

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**It is 1862 and President Abraham Lincoln is writing a speech to the nation about West Virginia. So far he has written:**

*“We can scarcely dispense with the aid of West Virginia in this struggle; much less can we afford to have her against us, in Congress and in the field.”*

**Use the information that you know about the importance of West Virginia to both the Union and Confederate states to help President Lincoln explain the meaning of what he has written so far. Write the remaining speech to help him persuade the people that he is right. Try to provide four arguments of persuasion.**

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**Good Luck!**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

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You are a Park Ranger and your responsibility is to look after the historic places in West Virginia that are listed on the National Historic Register. West Virginia has \_\_\_\_\_ places listed on the National Historic Register.

**You assignment consists of three parts.**

1. Name two sites in West Virginia that are listed on the National Historic Register.
2. Describe the relative location of one of the sites you have named; and explain in detail the historic event or events that have caused it to be so important in the history of our country and our state that it has been listed on the NHR.
3. Finally, suggest one place in West Virginia that you think should be included on the National Historic Register and explain why you recommend that place.

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**Good Luck!**

# 2012 GOLDEN HORSESHOE TEST

## ESSAY QUESTION

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You are an employee of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. You are assigned to write an article about West Virginia's role in World War II for an upcoming publication.

**Your assignment consists of three parts.**

1. Discuss how many West Virginians served in the armed forces during the war and highlight one West Virginian who achieved high military honor.
2. Describe various ways that West Virginians at home supported the war effort.
3. Finally, name and describe how at least one location in West Virginia played a vital role in World War II.

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**Good Luck!**

2013 GOLDEN HORSESHOE TEST  
ESSAY QUESTION

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**Under Governor Pierpont the Restored Government of Virginia authorized the creation of the state of West Virginia. According to the U.S. Constitution a request for statehood must be approved by both houses of Congress and signed by the President.**

**Use the information that you know to describe the dilemma faced by President Lincoln on West Virginia's statehood. Then briefly explain what compromises were reached for Congressional approval and list the date West Virginia officially became a state.**

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**Good Luck!**