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The author states that this article presents “a sweeping overview of Virginia’s Middle Woodland Period” (p. 40). The discussion is divided by physiographic differences and then by artifact traits seen in each region, covering broad trends.

Distinct similarities in material culture recovered from the Coastal Plain of Virginia, largely between the James River in the south and the Potomac River in the north, have resulted in what the author terms “a pan-Chesapeake phenomenon” (p. 41). Assemblages from a number of sites are compared, including Maycocks Point and Hatch, and these are further compared to sites outside the state, including Abbott Farm in New Jersey. McLearn goes on to discuss trends noted on sites excavated in other portions of Virginia, leading him to conclude that although the different societies during the period were highly varied, a number of unifying factors show that they remained within one another’s spheres of influence.