



## West Virginia: Our Beautiful Home

*Chapter 17: As One Century Ends, Another Begins*

*Section 3: West Virginia Emerges from a Worldwide Pandemic to Find a Bright Future*

### **Guided Reading**

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**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. In late 2019, a virus that was first identified in China resulted in the first worldwide pandemic in almost \_\_\_\_\_ years. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area and affects a significant proportion of the population.
2. The respiratory illness \_\_\_\_\_, which was caused by a coronavirus, first appeared in the United States in January 2020. The virus was extremely \_\_\_\_\_, resulting in significant changes in the way people lived.
3. West Virginia was praised for many of the practices it put in place during the pandemic, which officially ended on May 11, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On December 31, \_\_\_\_\_, China announced the discovery of a cluster of pneumonia cases that were believed to have begun in a lab in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The first American case of the disease, later named COVID-19, was reported on January 20, 2020, and was declared a \_\_\_\_\_ emergency on January 31.
6. From January to mid-March 2020, the national government consistently downplayed the threat posed by COVID-19 to the United States. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a \_\_\_\_\_ but had no specific plans for a nationwide response to the virus.
7. In \_\_\_\_\_ on March 17, 2020, West Virginia became the last state in the nation to report a confirmed case of COVID-19.
8. West Virginia Governor Jim \_\_\_\_\_ ordered all \_\_\_\_\_ across the state to close indefinitely beginning on March 16, 2020.

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9. On April 22, 2020, West Virginia was ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in the nation for creating the best response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. Long-awaited \_\_\_\_\_ became available before the end of 2020, with the first Pfizer vaccines arriving in West Virginia on December 14.
11. On January 19, \_\_\_\_\_, all public and private pre-K, elementary, and middle schools in West Virginia were required to resume full-time, in-person or hybrid instruction.
12. The American Rescue Plan, signed into law on March 11, 2021, gave West Virginia around \_\_\_\_\_ of vital assistance.
13. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, signed into law on November 15, 2021, included \_\_\_\_\_ for infrastructure upgrades in West Virginia.
14. West Virginia will receive \$2.4 billion for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, roadway safety, and other major projects.
15. High-speed \_\_\_\_\_ access in West Virginia will improve significantly with \$1.3 billion in funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.