**Facts About Raleigh**

* About 1650 settlers from Virginia came to the area. They were looking for good farmland.
* Many people moved from rural/farm areas to the cities. There, they have a better chance of getting good jobs.
* The Piedmont region lies between the plains in the east and the mountains in the west. It is mostly flat with gently rolling hills and forests. The soil is good for farming. Most of the state’s rivers start in the Piedmont.
* Raleigh has a mild climate. Sometimes it snows.
* Raleigh is the capital of North Carolina. The state’s leaders work there. The government has 3 parts. They are the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
* Raleigh is located in Wake County, near the center of the state.
* In the Piedmont there is red clay soil, and they grow tobacco there.
* Raleigh’s main industries are furniture and textiles (clothes).
* Raleigh is located in the center of North Carolina. North Carolina is in the South East United States. It is bordered by Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina.
* Raleigh has 431,746 people. 57.5% are white, 29.2% are black and 11.4% are Hispanic.
* Raleigh has public transportation like busses. Many people drive on highways to get to nearby cities.
* Raleigh is near the Neuse River and Jordon Lake.