

**Mission: Here We Are In Appalachia**

**Security Clearance: Top Secret**

**For: Special Agent River Ostrander**

Archive Locations for Answers: Newman Library, Blacksburg Library, Blacksburg Museum, Montgomery Museum, the Internet.

Dear Special Agent,

Your mission is to discover and redefine Appalachia (the home of your ancestors).

Using the following outline write a paragraph in your own words about each of the subject matters listed below. If you complete the mission a published book may be at the end of your research.

-Does Appalachia hold the world's most ancient mountains? How old and why is this important?

What is Pangea and how is it related to Appalahlia?

What states are included?

What Native American Tribes are represented and why is this so significant?

-Appalachian Ghostlore-are there things that go bump in the Mountain night?

-How about Pioneer/Mountaineers and their role in settling the Appalachian wilderness?

-What is the music of Appalachia?

-Who are Appalachia's Poets and Novelists?

-Why are Dixie Caverns and the many mountain caves of Appalachia significant?

-Coal Mining and Mountain Top Removal. What kind of effect is it having on Appalachia?

-Is there Wind and (alternative) energy in Appalachia?

-What is the Byrd Radio Telescope in West Virginia?

-Appalachian Universities of Virginia Tech and West Virginia University-what makes them stand out?

-Where on earth is the Grand Canyon of the South?

-The New River Gorge Bridge-why is that an architectural marvel?

-How old is the New River and what direction does it flow?