***Important information to accompany***

***The Post-glacial Flooding of the Chesapeake Bay Movie***

At the time of the last glacial maximum, about 18,000 years ago, global sea level was about 130 meters lower than it is at present. Between 18,000 and about 6000 years ago, most of the ice melted off of Canada and Scandinavia, causing sea level to rise, flooding the rims of all the dry lands.

At the glacial maximum, the coastline near lay near the edge of the continental shelf. Chesapeake Bay and its related waterways were dry-land river valleys. As sea level rose during the glacial melt down, the coast gradually moved inland, across the shelf and into the bay.

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