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14 Multiple choice questions

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What direction does the Mississippi River flow?

- ○ **north to south**
- ○ **west to south**
- ○ **southeast to northwest**
- ○ **west to east**

Term 2 of 14

Where is the mouth of the Mississippi River?

- ○ **Savannah, Georgia**
- ○ **New Orleans, Louisiana**
- ○ **Miami, Florida**
- ○ **Baltimore, Maryland**

Term 3 of 14

How many U.S. states and/or Canadian provinces are included within the Mississippi River watershed?

- ○ **31 U.S. states, 2 Canadian provinces**
- ○ **20 U.S. states, 3 Canadian provinces**
- ○ **50 U.S. states, 5 Canadian provinces**
- ○ **15 U.S. states, 1 Canadian province**

Term 4 of 14

What percentages of North American birds use the Mississippi River Flyway?

- ○ **50%**
- ○ **60%**
- ○ **40%**
- ○ **70%**

Term 5 of 14

How long will it take a drop of water to travel from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico?

- ○ **90 days**
- ○ **120 days**
- ○ **7 days**
- ○ **180 days**

Term 6 of 14

Where do waters of the Mississippi River flow?

- ○ **into the Atlantic Ocean**
- ○ **into the Pacific Ocean**
- ○ **into the Gulf of Mexico**
- ○ **into the Great Lakes**

Term 7 of 14

Of the world's largest river watersheds, where does the Mississippi River rank?

- ○ **2nd largest**
- ○ **4th largest**
- ○ **5th largest**
- ○ **10th largest**

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What is a tributary? What are the major tributaries of the Mississippi River?

- a delta formed by a river; Nile, Amazon, and Yangtze
- a stream that flows away from a river; Colorado, Green, and Snake
- a river that flows into another river; Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio
- a lake that feeds into a river; Erie, Ontario, and Michigan

Term 9 of 14

What is the definition of a watershed?

- the depth of a river
- the distance a river flows
- the total area of land where water from rain or snow drains into a body of water
- the volume of water in a river

Term 10 of 14

How many people use water daily form the Mississippi River?

- 50 million people
- 18 million people
- 5 million people
- 2 million people

Term 11 of 14

How large is the Mississippi River watershed (millions of square miles)?

- 500 thousand square miles
- 750 thousand square miles
- 2 million square miles
- 1.2 million square miles

Term 12 of 14

What states border the Mississippi River?

- Louisiana, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin
- New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware
- California, Oregon, Washington, and Nevada
- Texas, Florida, Georgia, and Alabama

Term 13 of 14

Where are the headwaters of the Mississippi River?(Be specific)

- begin at Lake Itasca in Minnesota
- begin at The Gulf of Mexico
- begin at Lake Michigan in Illinois
- begin at Lake Superior in Wisconsin

Term 14 of 14

What does "Mississippi" mean and what is its origin?

- Mississippi is a Spanish word, meaning "small stream"
- Mississippi is a French word, meaning "fast water"
- Mississippi is a Native American word, meaning "narrow path"
- Mississippi is a Chippewa (Ojibwa) word, meaning "great river"

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