Water Cycle Facts

- Water Cycle—the constant movement of water from evaporation to precipitation
- Dew Point—point at which water vapor cools and condenses into drops of water
- > Rain—the most common form of precipitation
- Evaporation—process in which liquid water becomes water vapor
- Snow—very cold form of precipitation
- Condensation—process in which water vapor turns into drops of water
- Precipitation—term for rain, snow, and other water falling through the air to Earth
- > Clouds—the visible, liquid moisture in the air
- Rivers—precipitation soon runs into these water channels

Questions:

1. What is the primary form of precipitation where you live? Does it change depending upon the season of the year? Directions: Study the water cycle facts. Respond to the questions below.

- What are the two processes that are constantly converting water to a gas and then to a liquid?
- Do you think that you could see well enough to find your way in a cloud? Explain
- 4. What is the term for all forms of water falling in the air?
- 5. Where does most of the water in a river flow into eventually?