Assignment # 4: « Russian Rivers »

#1. Read about the largest rivers in Russia and fill out the chart. Mark these rivers on your map and write their names in Russian.

	size	location	cities along the river
ЛЕНА			
ОБЬ			
ЕНИСЕЙ			
ВОЛГА			
АМУР			
ДОН			

#2. 📽Watch the 1st part of the video «The Ten Longest Rivers in Russia» and complete the test.

Q1: What is the Ural River often considered in terms of geography?

A) The main source of the Volga

B) A border between Europe and Asia

C) The longest river in Russia

D) A tributary of the Caspian Sea

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Q2: What was the Ural River historically used for?

A) Border between various tribes and for trade
B) Transport of oil from the Caspian
C) Russian naval training
D) Barrier against Mongol invasions

Q3: What is the origin of the Ural River?

A) The Caucasus Mountains
B) Lake Baikal
C) Kruglaya Mountain in the Ural Range
D) Siberian Plateau

Q4: What major city is located along the Ishim River?

A) Almaty
B) Petropavlovsk
C) Astana
D) Chelyabinsk

Q5: What environmental issue affects the Ishim River?

A) Seasonal flooding
B) Glacial melting
C) Pollution from Soviet-era chemical dumping
D) Over-irrigation by agriculture

Q6: Where does the Ishim River eventually flow?

A) Into the Aral Sea
B) Into the Irtysh River
C) Into the Lena River
D) Into the Volga River

Q7: What distinguishes the Ob River geographically?

A) It has no major tributaries
B) It forms Russia's western border
C) It flows into the world's longest estuary
D) It never freezes

Q8: Which of the following cities is located on the Ob River?

A) Astana
B) Tomsk
C) Ufa
D) Yekaterinburg

Q9: What is a modern use of the Ob River?

A) Nuclear power production
B) Deep-sea fishing
C) Transport, reservoir creation, and rural livelihoods
D) Livestock migration

Q10: What is one reason for the lack of population along the Vilyui River?

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A) It frequently floods cities

B) It has hostile neighboring countries

C) The land is remote and inhospitable

D) The river is used for military purposes

Q11: Which natural resources are associated with the Vilyui River region?

A) Gold, silver, and oil

B) Natural gas, uranium, and timber

C) Diamonds, coal, and phosphates

D) Copper, lithium, and marble

Q12: What larger river does the Vilyui flow into?

A) Yenisei

B) Irtysh

C) Lena

D) Ob

Q13: What major geopolitical role has the Amur River played?

A) Route for Roman expansion

B) Divider between Russia and China

C) Defense line against Napoleon

D) Water source for Western Europe

Q14: What is a major city located on the Amur River?

A) Vilyuysk

B) Orenburg

C) Khabarovsk

D) Petropavlovsk

Q15: What does the name "Amur" mean in Chinese?

A) Silver Serpent

B) Yellow Wind

C) Black Dragon

D) River of Peace

#3. 📽 Watch the 2nd part of the video. Drag and drop the names of the rivers into the correct places according to their length — from 1st (the longest) to 5th. Mark these rivers on your map and write their names in Russian.

1	2	3	4	5
Енисей	Лена	Нижняя Тунгуска	Волга	Иртыш

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#4. Look at the map, find all the rivers from tasks 1 and 2 and mark them on your map. Write their names in Russian.



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#5. 📽 Watch the video « The Volga River facts». Read the statements below and select all the correct facts about the Volga River. *(There are 9 correct facts out of 13.)*

1. The Volga River is the longest river in Europe.
2. The Volga River starts in the Valdi Hills and flows into the Caspian Sea.
3. Moscow is located directly on the banks of the Volga River.
4. The Volga River has been important for transport, trade, and economic development for centuries.
5. The Caspian Sea, where the Volga ends, is the largest enclosed body of water on Earth.
6. The Volga Delta is among the largest in Europe and supports a diverse ecosystem.
7. The river is famous for its role in Russian culture, songs, and art.
8. There are no hydroelectric dams on the Volga River.
9. Cruises on the Volga offer scenic views and stops in historic towns.
10. The river never freezes in winter due to its strong currents.
11. Ethnic Germans once lived along the Volga and had a unique cultural presence.
12. The Volga River played a role in World War II, including the Battle of Stalingrad.
13. The river flows into the Arctic Ocean, making it important for northern shipping routes.

#6. 📽 Listen to the famous Russian song about the Volga River performed by Lyudmila Zykina.

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