

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

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Where is the mouth of the Mississippi River?

- ☐ Savannah, Georgia
- ☐ New Orleans, Louisiana
- ☐ Miami, Florida
- ☐ Baltimore, Maryland

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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

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

- ☐ 50%
- ☐ 60%
- ☐ 40%
- ☐ 70%

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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

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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

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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

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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

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How many people use water daily from the Mississippi River?

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

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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

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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

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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

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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"