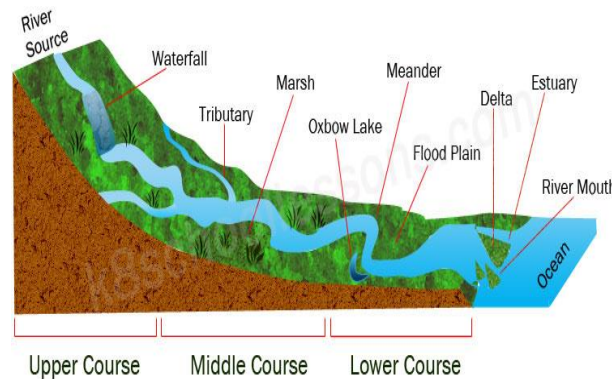


Key Vocabulary

Bank	The sides of a river channel. A river channel has 2 banks.
Bed	The bottom of the river channel.
Delta	A deposit of sand or mud at the mouth of a river.
Mouth	The end of the river. Most rivers flow into the sea but some flow into lakes or larger rivers.
Estuary	The wide mouth of a river where it meets the sea.
Flood Plain	An area of flat land either side of the river likely to flood.
Source	The beginning of the river.
Tributary	A stream that joins a larger stream or river.
Valley	A low area of land between hills or mountains, typically with a river flowing through it. Over a long period of time the river creates a valley if the river is strong enough to erode rock.
Oxbow Lake	When rivers form extreme loops (meanders) they continue to erode and the loops join meanders together. The river takes a straighter course cutting off the meander and an oxbow lake is formed.
Erosion	When rivers are fast flowing they knock bits of earth from the banks and bed of the river. This is called erosion. As rivers flow they erode (or wear away) the land.
Deposition	Where material (sediment) being transported by a river is deposited.
Transportation	Eroded material which is taken away downstream.
Sediment	Bits of soil and rock carried along by a river.



River	Continent	Key Facts
Nile	Africa	The longest river in the world. At 4160 miles long. The delta is in Egypt and it flows through 11 countries in Africa
Amazon	S America	4000 miles long. Flows through the Amazon Rainforest and 6 countries. Source is the Andes mountains and its mouth is in Brazil.
Yangtze	Asia	It is the longest river in Asia at 3900 miles long. Flows mostly through China.
Congo	Africa	2900 miles long.
Mississippi	N America	It is 2350 miles long and flows through 10 US states.
Volga	Europe	The longest river in Europe at 2300 miles long. It flows mostly through Russia.
Danube	Europe	1770 miles long. Its source is in Germany and it flows through 9 countries in Europe.
Zambezi	Africa	Is 1600 miles long and flows through 6 African countries.
Ganges	Asia	1570 miles long. Source is in the Himalayan mountains and it flows across India and Bangladesh.
Seine	Europe	483 miles long. It flows through Paris and is solely in France.
Thames	Europe	Longest river in England at 215 miles long.

