



Unit 1 Assessment

Name _____ Date _____

1. The Mississippi River starts in which northern state? _____
 2. Into which large body of water does the Mississippi River flow? _____

 3. In which state does the Mississippi River end? _____
 4. Name four states that border the Mississippi River: _____

 5. Name three kinds of wildlife found along the river: _____

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Multiple choice

Circle the correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer.

6. The Mississippi River flows 2,340 miles from its source.
How many kilometers is that?
 - a. 1,170
 - b. 2,340
 - c. 3,765
 - d. 4,680
7. The Mississippi River Watershed is:
 - a. 5th largest in the world
 - b. 3rd largest in the world
 - c. 2nd largest in the world
 - d. Largest in the world



8. The total area drained by a stream and its tributaries is called the:
 - a. Hydrologic cycle
 - b. Divide
 - c. Tributary area
 - d. Watershed or drainage basin

9. A tributary is:
 - a. A stream or river that flows into and combines with another river or body of water
 - b. Where the river enters into an ocean or other large body of water
 - c. The location of the largest city on a river
 - d. A place where three rivers meet

10. Headwaters are:
 - a. Where a river empties into an ocean or other large body of water
 - b. The place where a river or stream begins
 - c. The deepest part of a river
 - d. The widest part of a river

11. A mouth of a river is:
 - a. The place where a river or stream begins
 - b. Where a river enters the ocean or other large body of water
 - c. The widest part of a river
 - d. The area where two rivers meet

12. Which is NOT a tributary of the Mississippi River:
 - a. Missouri River
 - b. Ohio River
 - c. Illinois River
 - d. Colorado River



Bonus questions

13. From where does the word "Mississippi" originate? _____

14. Does the Mississippi River flow (in general): north to south, south to north, east to west, or west to east? _____

