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? _________________
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3. In which state does the Mississippi River end? _________________________________

4. Name four states that border the Mississippi River: _____________________________
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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? ____________________________
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    __________________________________________________________________________

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