

## Microteaching Lesson Plan

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Topic: Mississippi River

Unit: Water Bodies

Subject: Geography:

Grade: 3

Time: 40 minutes

### PA Standards:

7.1.3. B. Identify and locate places and regions.

- Physical features
  - Major landforms, rivers and lakes in North America

### NCSS Theme:

People, places and environment

### Objectives:

After this lesson student will learn about the physical and geographical features of Mississippi River such as its source, mouth, length, and the states it runs through.

### Materials:

View of the Mississippi River

<http://www.ecology.info/img/Mississippi-River.jpg>

Trip on the Mississippi River

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdx\\_5lid5v8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdx_5lid5v8)

Computer lab or classroom where at least three students can share a computer

### Instruction Procedures

#### 1. Anticipatory Set

- Previous knowledge: Rivers students already know near and far.
- Talk about rivers students have lived near or have visited
- Questions
  1. How long can a river be?
  2. Which river is the longest in the United States?
  3. Which river is the longest in North America?
  4. Which river is the longest in the world?

#### 2. Guide Internet search with key words “Mississippi River”

Search engine: [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com)

#### 3. Facilitate students to summarize the physical and geographical features of Mississippi River.

- Source
- Mouth
- Length in relation to other rivers in the world or in United States
- States it runs through
- Any other features students might found

#### 4. Integration: Math – Miles, Literature – Mark Twain – The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

### Assessment

Do quiz on Mississippi River (Quiz is attached with lesson plan)

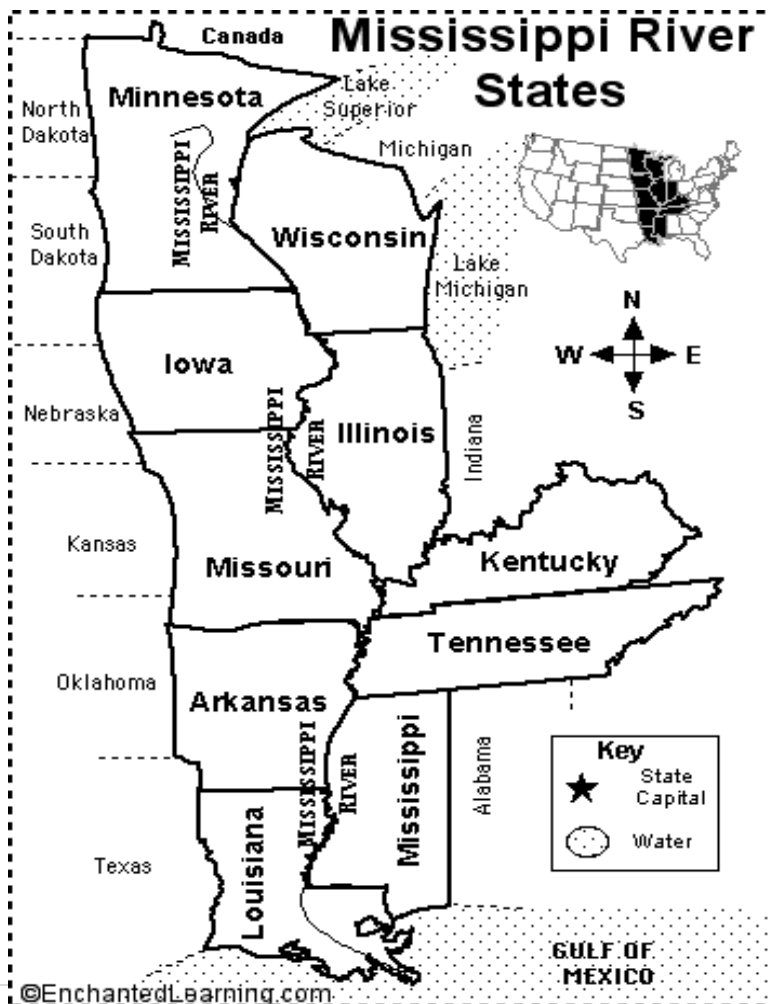
## Facts about Mississippi River

1. The Mississippi River is one of the longest rivers in the world.
2. The Mississippi River is the longest river in North America, flowing 2320 miles (3733 km).
3. The Mississippi River's source is at Lake Itasca in the Minnesota North Woods; its mouth is at subtropical Louisiana Delta, Gulf of Mexico.
4. "Mississippi" is an Ojibwa (Chippewa) Indian word meaning great river or gathering of waters.
5. The Mississippi River runs through 10 states in U.S. and one province in Canada: Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Ontario.

### Quiz on Mississippi River

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/usa/statesbw/mrstates/ms.shtml>

Read the Map and answer the questions below.



1. The Mississippi River starts in which northern state?

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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. Does the Mississippi River flow: north to south, south to north, east to west, or west to east?

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5. If you crossed the Mississippi River from Kentucky, in which state would you be?

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6. Which state is just east of Louisiana? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which state is just north of Missouri? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which state borders Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Indiana?

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9. What country is north of Minnesota? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which state borders the Mississippi River, Lake Superior, and Lake Michigan?

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11. How many states' borders does the Mississippi River pass by?

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12. How many states' territories does the Mississippi River run through?

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