Rivers, Civilizations, and Human Settlement

Grades 3 to 5 | Five day interdisciplinary inquiry

First and Last Name: _____

Date: _____ Class: _____

Essential Question

How can water influence settlement choices?

Standards connections

NJSLS Social Studies 6.1 and 6.3 grade band strands: community, sources, choices and environment. NJSLS ELA 2023: RI.CR, RI.CI, W.IW and SL.PE. CCSS/CCLS: RI.1, W.2 and SL.1 at the applicable grade. Mathematics: counting, operations, measurement and data. Science: planning comparisons and explaining observations. Health: shared routines and safe materials where connected to the topic.

Read or listen to the sources. Cite evidence when you explain. Your teacher may support reading and allow drawing, dictation or AAC as documented. Never share private family, medical or financial information.

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Day 1 | Read and Notice

Do Now

What do you already know about rivers, civilizations, and human settlement?

Source 1

Rivers provide freshwater, transportation routes, and fertile soil in many places. Communities along the Nile, Niger, and other rivers developed different farming and trading systems. Floods can bring nutrients but also danger. Maps, rainfall data, and settlement patterns help explain how people adapt to river environments.

Source investigation

Identify two details that help answer the essential question.

Quick Write

Explain one important source detail.

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