

NORTH AMERICAN MAJOR DRAINAGE BASINS

Educational Reference Guide

Atlantic Seaboard

Primary River: Hudson, Potomac, Savannah

Outlet: Atlantic Ocean

Key Feature: Fall Line Geography

Gulf of Mexico (Mississippi)

Primary River: Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio

Outlet: Gulf of Mexico

Key Feature: Largest North American Basin

Pacific Basin

Primary River: Columbia, Colorado, Sacramento

Outlet: Pacific Ocean / Gulf of California

Key Feature: High Alpine Headwaters

Arctic & Hudson Bay

Primary River: Mackenzie, Nelson, Churchill

Outlet: Arctic Ocean / Hudson Bay

Key Feature: Permafrost & Glacial Scouring

Continental Divide

Laurentian Divide

Great Basin (Endorheic)

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