

# MAJOR RIVERS OF THE WORLD

Educational Reference & Study Chart

## Primary River Systems

| River        | Continent     | Length (km) |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Nile         | Africa        | 6,650       |
| Amazon       | South America | 6,400       |
| Yangtze      | Asia          | 6,300       |
| Mississippi  | North America | 3,730       |
| Yenisei      | Asia          | 5,539       |
| Yellow River | Asia          | 5,464       |

## Key Definitions

**Source:** The original point from which a river flows.

**Tributary:** A stream or river that flows into a larger stream or main stem river.

**Estuary:** The tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.

**Delta:** A landform created by deposition of sediment as a river enters slower-moving or standing water.

## Student Observation Notes

Major Drainage Basin  
Delta Region  
Continental Divide