

GEOGRAPHY · GRADE 4

Major Rivers of the World

Length, location, and one striking fact

Eight world rivers

River	Continent	Length (km)	Key fact
Nile	Africa	6,650	Longest river in the world (debated with Amazon)
Amazon	S. America	6,400	Carries more water than any other river
Yangtze	Asia	6,300	Longest river entirely in one country (China)
Mississippi	N. America	3,730	Drains 31 US states
Yenisei	Asia (Russia)	5,540	Flows north into the Arctic Ocean
Yellow River	Asia (China)	5,460	Cradle of Chinese civilization
Ob	Asia (Russia)	5,410	Frozen for half the year
Congo	Africa	4,700	Crosses the Equator twice

Apply

1. Which two rivers are sometimes both called the 'longest'?
2. Which is the longest river in your continent?



3. Why might a river that crosses the Equator have unusual seasons?
4. Find the source and the mouth of one river. What's the difference?

