

Our Story, Our World



Unit 1

The World and Its Resources

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Lesson: 2

Land and Water



Essential Question:

What are some important physical features of Earth?

Objective:

I can describe physical features specific to my country and region.

Theme vocabulary



Valley



Canyon



Plain

Continents

- A continent is a big area of land next to an ocean.
- Earth has seven continents.
- Each continent has different weather, plants, animals, and landforms and bodies of water.





Find your country on the world map. **Circle** it. Which continent is your country on?

Landforms

- Landforms are different shapes of land found on Earth's surface.
A valley, a canyon, and a plain are three types of landforms.



Landforms

- A **valley** is a low area between mountains or hills.



- A **canyon** is a deep valley with steep sides, usually formed by a river.

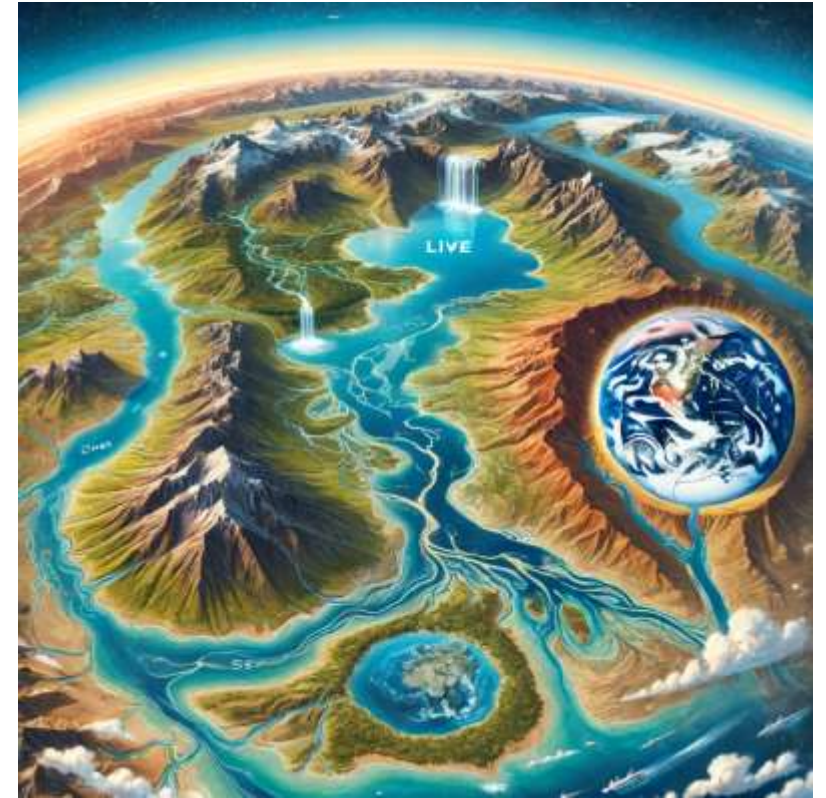


- A **plain** is a very flat area of land.



Bodies of Water

- Earth has lakes, rivers, oceans, seas, and gulfs.
- Rivers have fresh water. Oceans, seas, and gulfs have salt water.
- Most lakes have fresh water, but some lakes have salt water.



- A lake is a large body of water surrounded by land.



- A river is water that flows through land.



- Rivers often flow downhill from mountain.

How does water in lakes and rivers help people, plants, and animals? Write your ideas on the chart.

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| People | People drink water. |
| Plants | Plants need water to grow. |
| Animals | Some animals live in water. |

Oceans, Seas, and Gulfs

- Earth has five oceans, which are big bodies of salt water.
- Oceans cover most of Earth.
- Many plants and animals live in oceans.
- Ships travel on oceans to carry goods between continents.



Read the passage. **Circle** the words that are used to contrast the sizes of bodies of water.

Oceans are bigger than seas and gulfs. A sea is connected to an ocean. It is partly surrounded by land. A gulf is a part of an ocean or a sea. Gulfs are smaller than oceans and are mostly surrounded by land.



Mission Links: Find Evidence

Look at the pictures of landforms and water in this lesson.

Circle the pictures that show landforms and water features that are on your continent.





Unlock the Mission Links

- On the map, **find** and **circle** the nearest body of water to your home.
- **Write** down its name and type.
- **Describe** something interesting a visitor would find there.

