

Rivers and Human Settlements

Chapter 2: Journey of a River · Topic 2

Key Concept

Rivers provide water for drinking, farming, and industry, making them ideal locations for settlements to grow and thrive.

Ancient civilizations, like those along the Indus and Nile rivers, developed advanced societies because of the fertile land and water access rivers provided.

Rivers also serve as transportation routes, allowing goods and people to travel between settlements, boosting trade and communication.

Even today, many major cities, like Delhi (on the Yamuna) and Kolkata (on the Hooghly), are located along rivers, showing their continued importance for human life.

Quick Revision Notes

- Many settlements develop along rivers.
- Rivers provide water for drinking, farming and industry.
- Ancient civilizations grew along rivers like the Indus.
- Rivers provided fertile land and water access.
- Rivers serve as transportation routes.
- Rivers boost trade and communication.
- Delhi is located on the Yamuna river.
- Kolkata is located on the Hooghly river.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research a city located on a river.
- 2 Find out which river, if any, is near your city or town.
- 3 Research an ancient civilization that developed along a river.
- 4 Discuss why rivers were important for ancient trade.
- 5 Draw a map showing a river and a city built along it.
- 6 Discuss why rivers remain important for cities today.