

Rivers in the World

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the Mississippi River

Messipi, the French rendering of the Anishinaabe name for the river, Indian Misi-ziibi (Great River)



The Mississippi River

- 3,730 km long
- the largest river system in the United States and North America
- the river drains all or parts of 31 U.S. states
- Steamboats VS railroads



transport goods from place to place

- Cotton
- timber
- food



the Volga River



Volga : Slavic влага "vlaga", волога "vologa"
meaning "wetness", "humidity";
alternatively, Proto-Uralic *valki- "white";
alternatively, Russian velikij "great"



The Volga

- 3,645 km - the longest river in Europe
- 225 meter in the Valday Hills
- freezes for most of its length for three months each year



The delta

- 1919 *Astrakhan Nature Reserve*
- water birds, raptors and passerines
- sturgeons, catfish and carp
- lotus

Much of its local fauna is
considered endangered



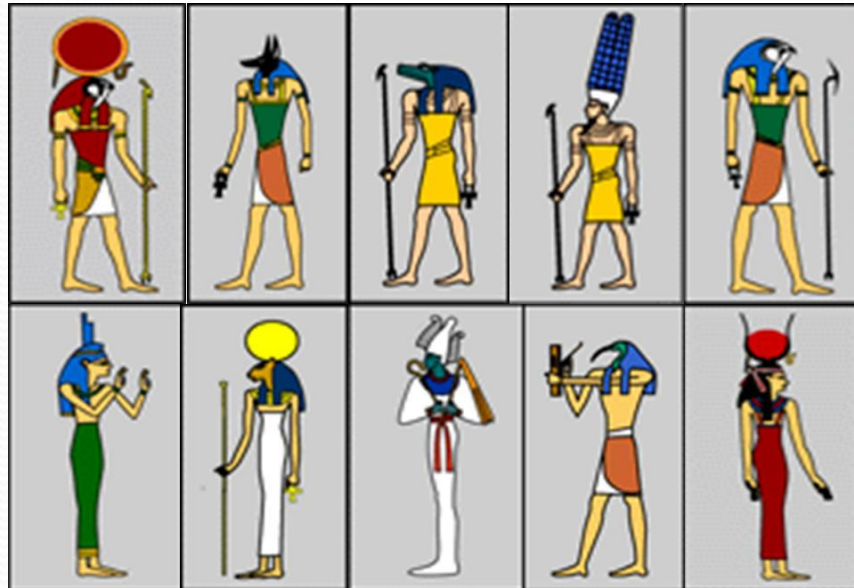
the Nile

- Nile: from Greek Neilos (Νεῖλος) meaning valley,
- from Sanskrit 'Neel' meaning 'dark' or 'blue',
- sometimes derived from the Semitic Nahal "river."



The Nile

- 6,650 km from East Africa to the Mediterranean
- two major tributaries, the White Nile and Blue Nile
- Silt deposits
- The god named Hapy was the deification of the annual floods



the Amazon River

The Amazon River:

Greek (after the Amazons – women warriors 'cause the tribes near this river were mostly female)

alt. Indian (from Amassona 'boat destroyer')

the Amazon River

- 6,400 km - the second longest river in the world
- Volume -one-fifth of the world's total
- flows through Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Brazil

3,000 recognized species of fish and new species are still being discovered



There are many rivers in the world

