

How to Use

This Rivers Around the World Compare and Contrast Notebook is designed to help students research and discover some of the many rivers found around the world. To get started, students need to locate the first two rivers they are working with. Once they've done so, they can fill out the first page that includes research questions and room to record things such as the types of animals found in or near these rivers, the length of each river, and other interesting facts.

The second assignment is to complete one or two Venn diagrams that illustrate some of the similarities and differences between the rivers such as what animals are present in each and what animals are unique to each. They can fill out the diagram with as much of the information learned as desired.

The third assignment is to draw a picture of one of the rivers, including some of its animals, and to note which animals they included.

The final assignment is for students to create four flashcards that can help them remember key information about animals they discover.

A blank set of worksheets are included at the end for comparing and contrasting additional rivers students are studying.

SAMPLE

Amazon River & Balsas River

Where is the Amazon River located? What countries does it travel through? _____

Where is the Balsas River located? What countries does it travel through? _____

How long is the Amazon River? _____

What kinds of animals can you find living in or near the Amazon River? _____

Are there any major cities near the Amazon River? _____

How and why is the Amazon River important? _____

How long is the Balsas River? _____

What kinds of animals can you find living in or near the Balsas River? _____

Are there any major cities near the Balsas River? _____

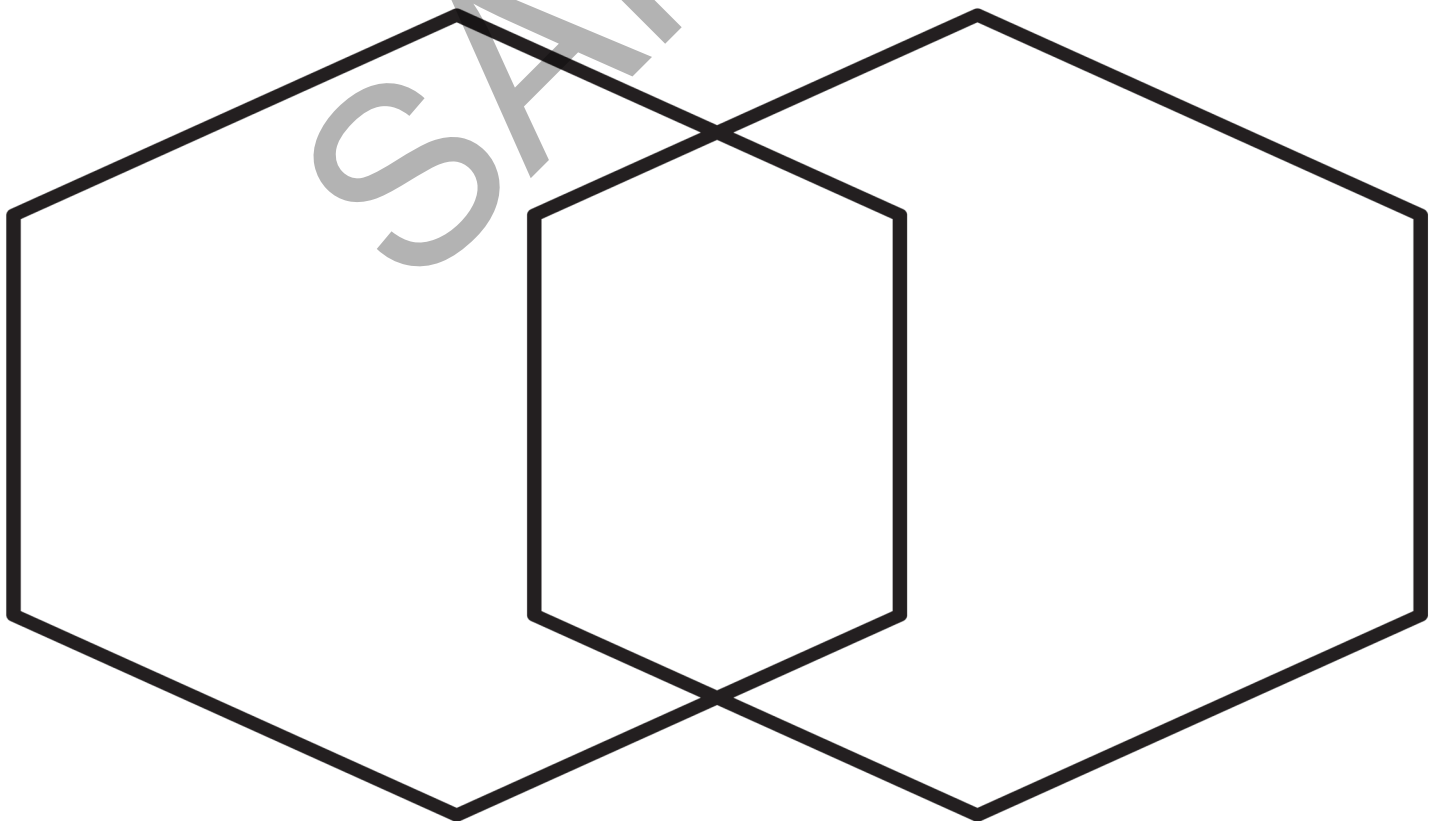
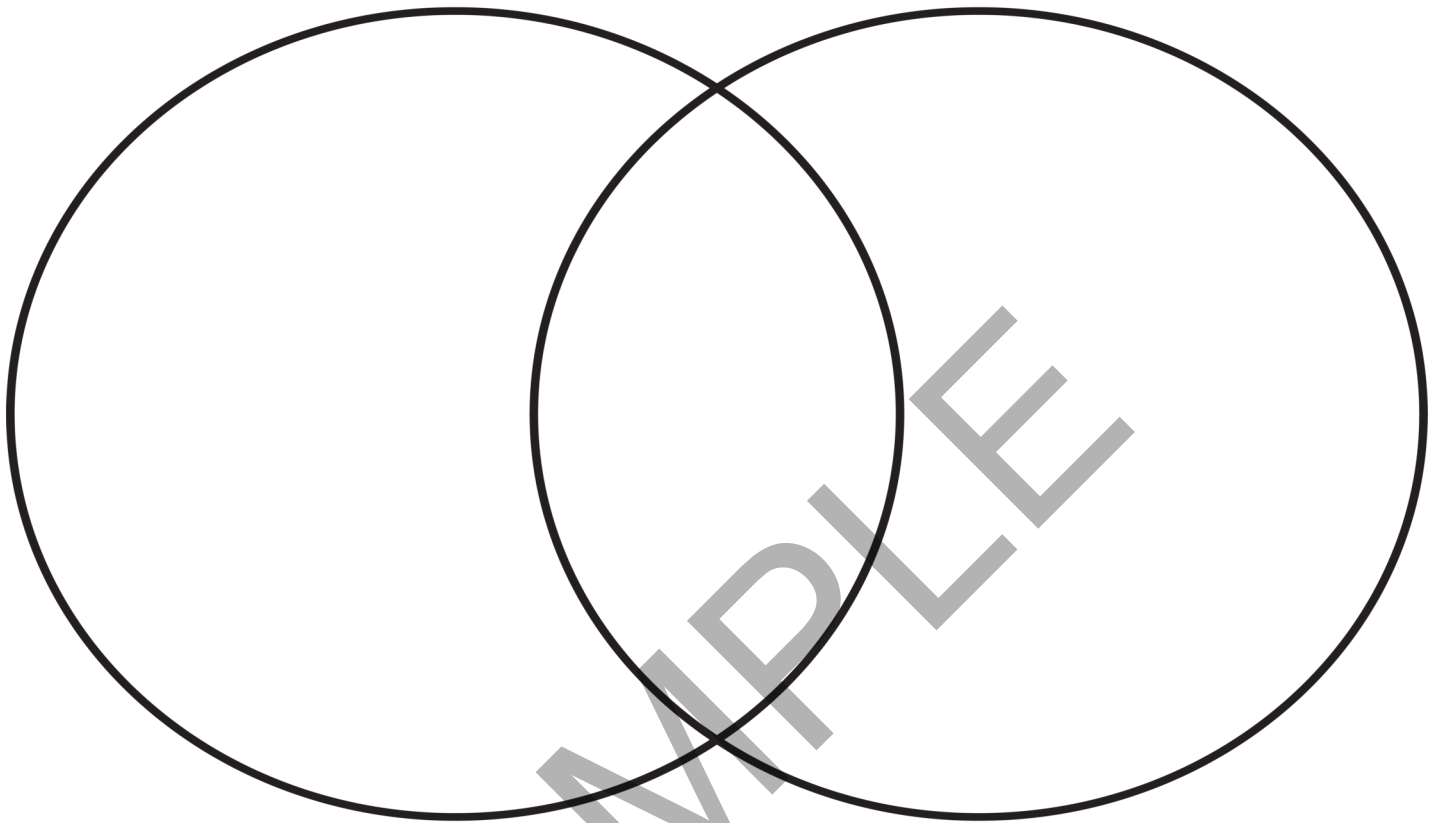
How and why is the Balsas River important? _____

What other interesting facts did you learn? _____

Compare and contrast the types of animals found in or near these two rivers.

Amazon River & Balsas River

What kinds of similarities did you find between the two rivers? What kinds of differences? Complete the Venn diagrams to show some of what you discovered.



Amazon River & Balsas River

Draw a picture of one of these two rivers and be sure to include some of the animals you discovered.

SAMPLE

Animals I included in my picture:

Amazon River & Balsas River

Choose four of the animals you discovered that live in these rivers. Draw or paste a picture of each in the top portions of the cards and then fill in the facts you discover in the bottom portion.

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