Sepik

Hemisphere: Southern **Continent:** Australasia

Country: Papua New Guinea **Source:** Victor Emanuel Range

Outflow: Bismarck Sea

• The Sepik is the longest river on the island of New Guinea.

There are no large settlements along the river.

• The river was only discovered by Europeans in 1885.



Hemisphere: Northern Continent: North America Country: United States Source: Lake Itasca

Outflow: Gulf of Mexico

 The Mississippi River is the longest river in North America and the fourth longest river in the world.

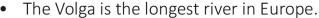
It is often called 'Old Man River'.

• The Mississippi River is so long that it almost cuts the USA in two.



Volga

Hemisphere: Northern Continent: Europe Country: Russia Source: Valdai Hills Outflow: Caspian Sea



• The river flows into the Caspian Sea, which is the world's largest inland sea.

• There are eight hydroelectric power stations along the Volga.



Zambezi

Hemisphere: Southern

Continent: Africa

Countries: Angola, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

Source: Central African Plateau

Outflow: Indian Ocean

- The Zambezi is the fourth longest river in Africa.
- Its most famous feature is Victoria Falls.
- A section of the Zambezi forms the northern border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Mekong

Hemisphere: Northern

Continent: Asia

Countries: China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand,

Cambodia and Vietnam **Source:** Qinghai, China **Outflow:** South China Sea



• Its name means 'mother of water' in Cambodian.

• The river contains many waterfalls and rapids.



Hemisphere: Northern

Continent: Asia

Countries: India and Bangladesh

Source: Himalayas

Outflow: Bay of Bengal

• The Ganges is worshipped as the goddess Ganga by Hindus.

• The river is very polluted, as people use it for washing and to dispose

of human waste.

• The Ganges contains over 140 species of fish.



Danube

Hemisphere: Northern **Continent:** Europe

Countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia,

Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania,

Moldova and Ukraine

Source: Black Forest Mountains, Germany

Outflow: Black Sea

- The Danube is the second longest river in Europe.
- The Danube flows through 10 different countries.
- It was once used as a border for the Roman Empire.



Hemisphere: Northern

Continent: Asia **Country:** China

Source: Tanggula Mountain Range

Outflow: East China Sea

- The Yangtze is the third longest river in the world.
- It is the longest river to flow only in one country.
- The Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River is the largest hydroelectric power station in the world.

Nile

Hemisphere: Northern

Continent: Africa

Countries: Egypt and Sudan

Source: Disputed but believed to be in

Burundi.

Outflow: Mediterranean Sea

The Nile is the longest river in the world.

• The Nile's water comes from 10 different countries.

• The name 'Nile' comes from the ancient Greek word 'neilos' which

means river valley.



Hemisphere: Southern **Continent:** South America

Countries: Peru, Colombia and Brazil **Source:** Disputed but believed to be the

Mantaro River, Peru

Outflow: Atlantic Ocean

The Amazon is the second longest river in the world.

• The length of the Amazon is the same as the distance between New York City in America and the European city of Rome.

• The mouth of the Amazon is almost directly on the Equator.

