

Rivers and Mountains



Year 3 - Europe: Case study - Austria

Key Questions

- Why is a mountain not a hill?
- What does this poem tell us about rivers?
- What is the journey of a river?
- How is the River Thames special?
- How does River Danube compare?
- What is the difference between a mountain and a hill?
- What does the life of a river look like?
- Why are rivers essential?

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Mechanisms - Cardboard engineering maze game

Food and Nutrition

Useful websites

- <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/topics/lower-key-stage-2-topics/mountains-rivers-and-coasts/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f>
- <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/topics/lower-key-stage-2-topics/mountains-rivers-and-coasts/mountains-what-are-they/>
- www.eyewitnesshistory.com/tut.htm

GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS AND FIELDWORK

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

LOCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities
Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

PLACE KNOWLEDGE

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region in a European country

HUMAN AND PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

Describe and understand key aspects of:
Physical geography, including: climate zones, rivers and mountains
Human geography, including: economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

AREAS NOT LINKED

- SCIENCE:** Forces and Magnets
- COMPUTING:** Computer Systems and Networks
- CPSHE:** Health and Wellbeing
- RE:** Why do religious people celebrate?
How do people express their faith through the arts?
- P.E./ MUSIC/ LANGUAGES**

Super Start

Recreate a boat trip along the River Thames.

Fabulous Finish/Outcome:
Scrapbook/journal (think of name) on the River Thames

ART AND DESIGN

Landscape painting project
Watercolour painting techniques
Photography

Related Texts

The wonders of **Rivers** by Clare Pillarkins
The River by Hanako Clulow
The Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith
How to make a mountain by Amy Huntingdon
Midnight in the mountains by Julie Law
Burton and Speke's Source of the Nile
Settlement of the River NILE
Settlement of the River Mississippi
Settlement of the River INDUS