

English Quest – Year 5

Wild Waters



Speaking and Listening Challenges

- Create a multimodal group presentation about a major world river then present for five minutes to a wider audience.
- Present a TV news broadcast, reporting about a natural water disaster, for example flooding, a bridge collapsing or a tsunami.

Reading Challenges

- Read and explore *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson – map the emotions of the central character, Maia, and how these change and develop throughout the story.
- Read *River* by Debby Attwell – discuss the effects over time of human activity on the river, including settlement and pollution.
- Read and respond to *Water Dance* by Thomas Locker – explore the vivid language used to describe features of rivers from source to sea.

Narrative Writing Challenges

- Write a first person narrative describing the journey of a raindrop, from the perspective of the raindrop.
- Write an adventure story set along a major world river studied, for example the Amazon, the Mississippi or the Nile.
- Write detailed character descriptions of Maia and Finn from *Journey to the River Sea*.

Non-Narrative Writing Challenges

- Write explanation texts about key aspects of the theme, including the water cycle, coastal erosion and how a river gets from source to sea.
- Write newspaper reports about natural water disasters, for example major flooding or a tsunami, including quotes from eye-witnesses.
- Create a *Top Trumps* style game by writing fact files about a range of local and world rivers.

Poetry Writing Challenge

- Write haikus and cinquains to describe world rivers or features of rivers, including waterfalls, streams and rapids.
- Use imagery and own experiences to write descriptive poems to accompany observational drawings of rivers studied.