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How Much Do You Know About...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. This week, let's see how much you know about ... **THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about today's subject ... **THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**

1. The Mississippi River is only three feet deep where it originates on the shores of Lake Itasca, in this state known as "The Land of 10,000 Lakes."
2. The Mississippi River is 200 feet deep at its end point, about 100 miles downstream from this southern city that spans both banks of the Mississippi.
3. Can you guess how long it would take a drop of rain falling into Lake Itasca to travel the 2,350 mile length of the Mississippi River and arrive at the Gulf of Mexico: 60 days, 90 days, or six months?
4. Of the two US state capitals located on the Mississippi River, one is near the beginning and the other is a couple of hundred miles from the end. What are these cities?
5. The Mississippi River is the fourth-largest river system in the world. Can you name the only three that are larger?
6. The first railroad bridge built over the Mississippi (in 1856) connected these two states that begin with the letter I.
7. As we now know, the Mississippi River starts in Minnesota and ends in Louisiana. How many of the other eight states through which the Mississippi flows can you name?
8. The Mississippi River has a tributary which, at 2,540 miles, is actually the longest river in North America. Can you name it?
9. On June 29, 1922, this sport was demonstrated for the first time in a wide region of the Mississippi River between Minnesota and Wisconsin – just 15 years after the outboard motor was invented.
10. This Mississippi-born author of *Absalom! Absalom!* and *As I Lay Dying* used the river as a setting in many of his books and stories.
11. *Life On The Mississippi* by this author is part history of the river and part memoir of his experiences as a steamboat pilot.

12. The Mississippi River inspired this well-known song featured in the musical *Show Boat*.
13. The most famous version of “Ol’ Man River,” which contrasts the hardship of African American life with the endless, uncaring flow of the Mississippi River, was recorded by this baritone singer and civil rights activist.
14. Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer lived in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, Missouri, which was modeled after Mark Twain’s real Missouri hometown. Can you name that town?
15. What federal agency, administered by the Department of Defense, is responsible for building, operating, and maintaining the locks and dams systems of the Mississippi River?

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ANSWERS

1. Minnesota
2. New Orleans, LA
3. 90 days
4. St. Paul, Minnesota and Baton Rouge, Louisiana
5. The Nile in Africa, the Amazon in South America, and the Yangtze in China
6. Iowa and Illinois
7. Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas
8. The Missouri River
9. Water Skiing
10. William Faulkner
11. Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)
12. "Ol' Man River"
13. Paul Robeson
14. Hannibal, Missouri
15. The US Army Corps of Engineers