

How a River Divided

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Look at the pictures of the island formations below, and read the descriptions of how the Zambezi River divided. Match each key word with its proper description. Write your answer in the box next to each picture.

The Upper River

A

This section of the river is about 400 miles (650 km) long. The delta of the Zambezi is where the river meets the ocean.

The Middle River

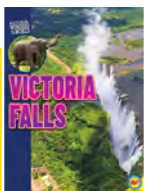
B

In this section, the river is joined by many smaller rivers, or tributaries. The river becomes wider as more water from these tributaries flows into it.

The Lower River

C

After the water plunges over Victoria Falls, the river runs for around 600 miles (966 km). Two dams (Kariba Dam and Cahora Bassa Dam) that generate hydroelectric power have been built here.



Write a Descriptive Paragraph

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Victoria Falls in southern Africa is the largest curtain of falling water in the world. Research online and in the library to learn more about a creature that lives near the Victoria Falls. Then, use the information you learned to write a descriptive paragraph about the creature.

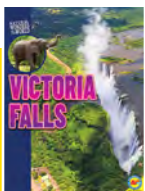
A descriptive paragraph is a group of sentences that describes a noun. A noun is a person, place, or a thing. To write a descriptive paragraph, you will need many describing words. Describing words are called adjectives.

A descriptive paragraph has three parts. The first part is the topic sentence. The topic sentence is usually the first sentence. It tells readers what the paragraph will be about and catches their attention. Supporting sentences generally follow the topic sentence. They provide details explaining or supporting the topic sentence. At the end of a descriptive paragraph, a sentence wraps up, or summarizes, the ideas expressed in the paragraph. This is called the concluding sentence. It is usually a strong sentence.

Topic Sentence

Supporting Sentences

Concluding Sentence



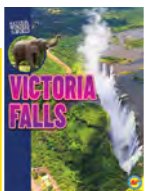
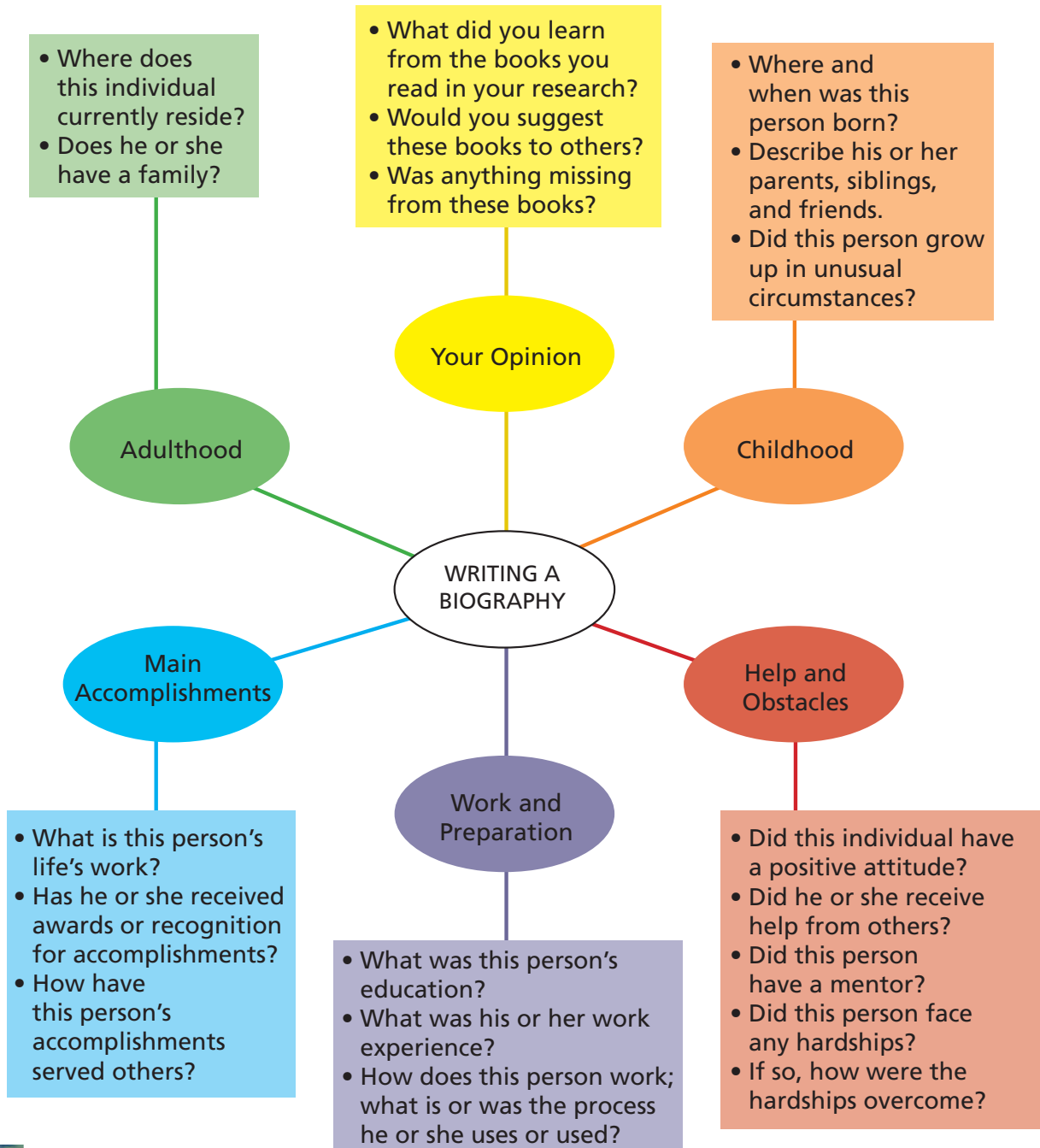
Write a Biography

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Many scientists have explored the Victoria Falls. Research online, and choose a scientific explorer that you are interested in learning more about. Make sure you choose someone who has explored the Victoria Falls. Then, try researching and writing a biography about that person using this concept web as a guide.



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Mapping Islands

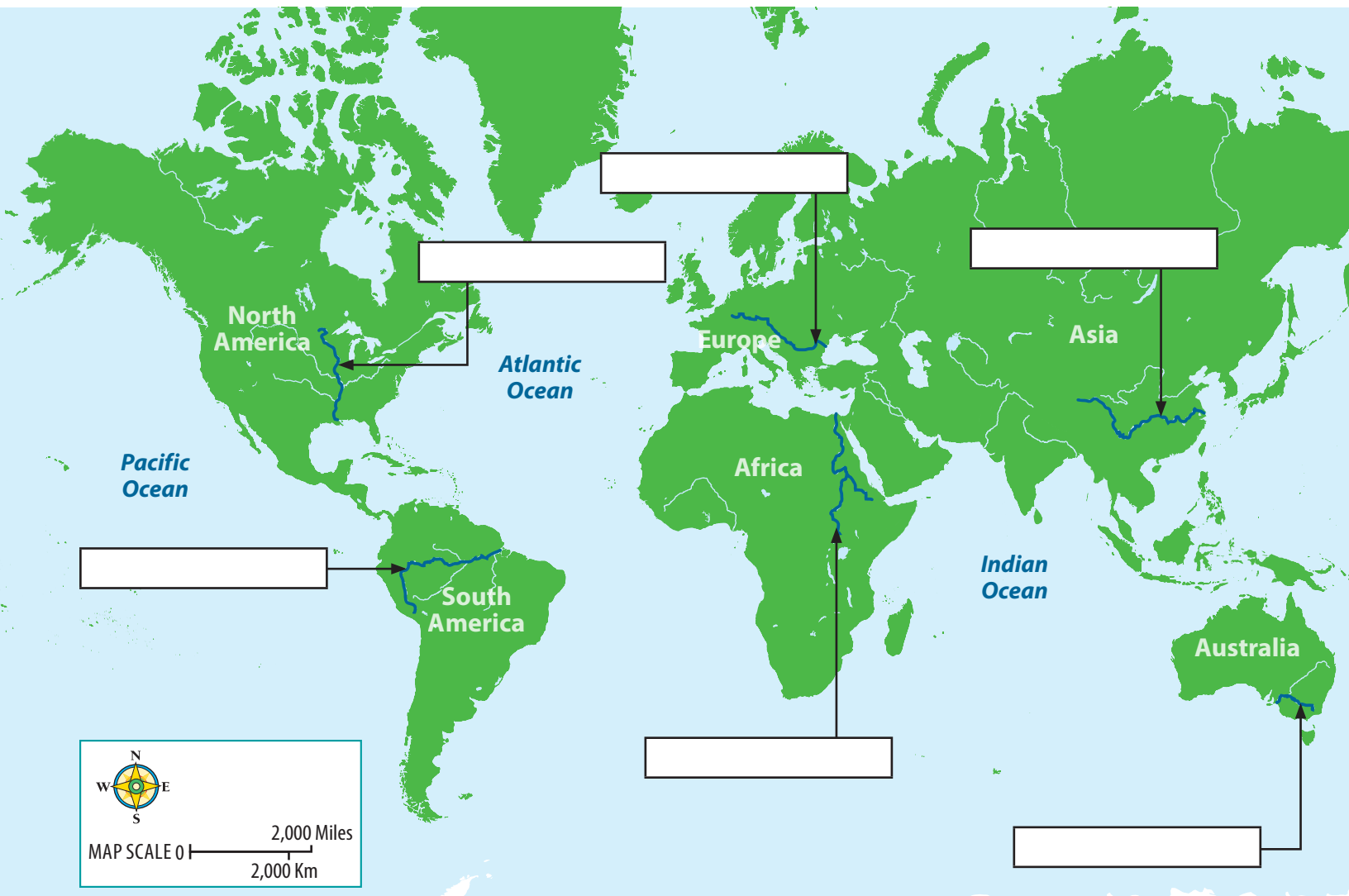
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Look at the map below. Match the rivers to the correct areas on the map. Write your answer in the box next to the correct area on the map.

Mississippi River
Amazon River
Danube River
Yangtze (Chang) River
Nile River
Murray River



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Victoria Falls Timeline

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Use the book, and research in the library and online, to create a list of important events in the life of the Victoria Falls. Your list should include at least 10 events. Organize the events by time period, from oldest to most recent. Then, use your list of events to create a timeline.



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True or False?

Decide whether the following statements are true or false. If the statement is false, make it true.

- 1** In 1755, David Livingstone became the first European to see Victoria Falls.

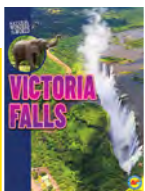
- 2** Victoria Falls is the largest curtain of falling water in the world.

- 3** Elephants are hunted by poachers for their hide.

- 4** The spray from Victoria Falls can be seen 250 miles (400 km) away

- 5** The Danube River is in Africa.

- 6** The dry season in Zambia occurs between April and October.



Short Answer

Answer the following questions using information from the book.

- 1** Victoria Falls is found on the border of which two countries?
- 2** The Zambezi River flows through which countries?
- 3** What is the name of the ceremony performed at Mukuni Village to make the rains come?
- 4** How long is the Zambezi River?
- 5** Victoria Falls is what type of UNESCO site?



Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- 1** The local name for Victoria Falls, Mosi-Oa-Tunya, means:
 - a “the mist that is wet”
 - b “the smoke that thunders”
 - c “the falling water”
 - d “the river falls away”
- 2** Which cultural group lives at Mukuni Village near Victoria Falls?
 - a The Cree
 - b The Hopi
 - c The Inca
 - d The Toka-Leya
- 3** One of the two dams on the Zambezi River is called the Cahora Bassa Dam. What is the other one called?
 - a The Hoover Dam
 - b The Aswan High Dam
 - c The Kariba Dam
 - d The Three Gorges Dam
- 4** When the last member of a species dies, it is said to be:
 - a rare
 - b abundant
 - c threatened
 - d extinct



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

ancestry

gorges

habitat

hominids

hunter-gatherers

hydroelectric

poachers

safari

sediments

source

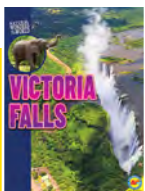
species

UNESCO World Heritage Site



1.
narrow and deep passages that cut through rock
2.
silt and sand that is carried or deposited by a flowing river or body of water
3.
a specific group of plants or animals that share the same characteristics
4.
the environment where a plant or animal is normally found
5.
a place that is of natural or cultural importance to the entire world. UNESCO is an abbreviation for United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
6.
people from the past who are related to people today

7.
people who illegally hunt animals
8.
the place where a river starts
9.
a trip that people take to view animals in their natural environment
10.
related to the production of electricity that is created by the flow of running water
11.
people that survive by hunting for animals and collecting plants to eat
12.
the ancient ancestors of humans



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