

## Welwyn St Mary's – Geography Knowledge Organiser

### The River Nile

Year 5

Strand: Locational Knowledge/Human & Physical Geography



Sticky knowledge: What will I know at the end of this unit?

- Identify the locations and features of the River Nile.
- Identify the major countries and cities that the River Nile passes through.
- Understand the economic and social benefits of the River Nile to the people of Egypt.
- To understand how hydro-electricity is created and its effects on the environment.
- To explain why tourists would visit Egypt.



### Facts about the River Nile

- **Found in northeast Africa, the Nile has long been recognised as the longest river in the world – stretching a massive 6,695km! There is some debate over this title, though – some scientists argue that the [Amazon](#) river in South America is longer.**
- **The Nile is often associated with Egypt, but in fact, it flows through 11 countries: Tanzania, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Egypt.**
- **This mighty river has two main tributaries (branches, or smaller rivers or streams) which meet to form 'the Nile'. One tributary is called the White Nile, which starts in South Sudan, and the other is called the Blue Nile, which starts in Ethiopia.**

- The Nile has been an important source of life for people throughout history. Around 5,000 years ago, the **Ancient Egyptians** relied on the Nile for fresh water, food and transportation. It also provided them with fertile land to farm on.

### Previous knowledge (What should I know?)

- Know the names of and locate the seven continents of the world.
- Know features of hot and cold places in the world.
- Know the names of four countries from the southern and four from the northern hemisphere.
- Know why most cities are located by a river.



### Key Vocabulary

<b>Suez Canal</b>	Canal built by the British to create a short cut to the Red Sea.
<b>Aswan Dam</b>	Built in the 1960's to provide electricity and control flooding on the river Nile
<b>Irrigation</b>	The application of controlled amounts of water to plants at needed intervals
<b>Hydro-Electricity</b>	Is electricity made by generators that are pushed by movement of water.
<b>Tourist</b>	Someone who visits a place for pleasure and interest, usually while on holiday.
<b>Cruise</b>	A cruise ship is a passenger ship used for pleasure voyages

Further study:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/egypt/nile.htm>