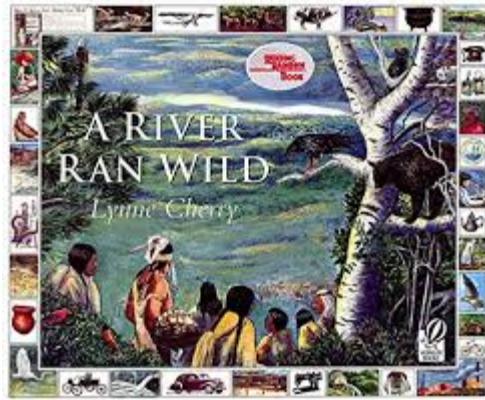


Beginner Activity

A River Ran Wild



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Essential Questions for Consideration:

- ***What rivers are near you? How do rivers impact our everyday lives?***

Overview:

In this lesson, participants will determine what rivers are near their homes and reflect on how much we use the rivers and water in our everyday lives. This lesson will also practice map and close reading skills.

Materials:

- Pen or Pencil
- Paper
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers
- ***New Hampshire Maps- Worksheet (See below lesson plan)****
- ***All about Rivers- Worksheet (See below lesson plan)****

*** If unable to print the family member vocabulary or family tree worksheet, simply have participants do orally or on a separate piece of paper.**

Beginner Activity

Activity:

- 1.) On a separate piece of paper, have the participant draw a picture of a river they have seen before. Encourage participants to spend time on this to create a thoughtful and neat drawing.
- 2.) Using the All About Rivers Worksheet, ask the participant to complete the following questions: *What animals live in/near the river? What activities do people do in/near the river? What things in my house use water?* Challenge the participant to come up with **at least 5 things** for each question.
- 3.) Discuss responses with the participant.
- 4.) Ask the participant if they know what town/city they live in. Have the participant record their answer on the *All About Rivers Worksheet*.

Assistance of parent or guardian may be necessary here for younger/lower level participants

- 5.) Give the participant the *NH Maps Worksheet*.
- 6.) Ask them to identify their town on the cities/towns on the **NH Towns/Cities map**. If their specific town/city is not on the map, have them identify one that is geographically close to them.
- 7.) Record answer on *All about Rivers Worksheet*.
- 8.) Then have the participant look at the **NH Rivers map** to identify what rivers are close to their town/city. The participant should be encouraged to use both hands to transfer information and locations between the **NH Towns/Cities map** and the **NH Rivers map**. **Assistance may be required.**
- 9.) Record answer on *All about Rivers Worksheet*.
- 10.) Then, read or listen to *A River Ran Wild* by Lynne Cherry. Encourage the participant to pay close attention to other animals, activities, or ways different people use water.
- 11.) After reading or listening to the story, have the participant return to their *All About Rivers Worksheet* and answer the following questions: *What other animals live near/in the river? What other activities do people do near/in the river? What other things that use water in my house?*

Challenge the participant to come up with **at least 2 additional things** for each question with specific examples from the story *A River Ran Wild*. **The participant should be encouraged to revisit/reread the book as many times as needed.**

- 12.) Discuss responses with the participant.
- 13.) Finally, have the participant reflect on the essential question: *How do rivers impact our daily lives?* The participant should write or draw their answers in the final box of the *All About Rivers Worksheet*.

All About Rivers- Worksheet

<i>What sort of animals live near/ in the river?</i>	<i>What sort of activities do people do near/ in the river?</i>	<i>What things in my house use water?</i>
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____	4. _____
5. _____	5. _____	5. _____

What town/city do you live in? _____

USE THE NH MAPS PAGE TO ANSWER THE QUESTION BELOW

What are other towns/cities near me? _____

What rivers are near my town/city? _____

Read/Listen to <i>A River Ran Wild</i>	Read/Listen to <i>A River Ran Wild</i>	Read/Listen to <i>A River Ran Wild</i>
After reading the story- What other animals live near/in the river?	After reading the story- What other activities do people do near/in the river?	After reading the story- What other things that use water in my house?
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____

How do rivers impact our everyday lives?

Write or draw your answer below

New Hampshire Maps-Worksheet

NH Rivers



NH Towns/Cities

