

Metaphor for a Watershed

Cup your hand. Pour water over your hands.

Any water that falls into your up-turned hands – the fingertips, the fingers, the heel of your palm – will end up in a pool in the middle of your palm.

That pool in your palm is the Merrimack River, and all of the area of your hand where water ran down into your palm is the river's watershed – fingertips may be mountains, fingers may be nearby cities or forest – and it all ends up running down into the same place.

