

# THE MIGHTY RIVER AND THE YAZOO MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE BOARD

A lesson about the Mississippi River and the  
Importance of the  
Yazoo Mississippi Levee Board



# Teacher Created Lesson Plan

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# Overall Objective

- When given background information, the learner will create poetry, summarize by writing short stories, illustrate through drawings, compose presentations and participate in social discussion/role play related to the impact of the Mississippi River past, present, and future and conclude by answering questions with at least 80% accuracy.

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## **Lesson Objectives:**

- Learn facts about the Mississippi River
- Learn facts about the Yazoo Mississippi Delta Levee Board
- Build an appreciation for Mississippi Waterways
- Apply academic skills in math, science, social studies, language arts, and computer technology

## **Resources:**

- Factsheet: Mississippi River Levee History
- The Great Flood and its Lesson
- About the River
- Keeping Dry in the Delta
- Maps of the Mississippi
- Web Resources
- Tunica Museum
- Mississippi River and Yazoo Mississippi Delta Levee

# Anticipatory Set

- K-W-L find out what learners already know about the Mississippi River and the Yazoo Mississippi Levee Board
- Provide topic outline highlighting important aspects of the lesson
- Provide questions learners are expected to answer upon completion of lesson.
- Provide pictures, maps and short video clips

# Procedures/Methodology:

- Gather materials for student reference
- Open discussion on MS River/MS Delta Levee Board (KWL)
- Show film of the Flood of 1927 and others

(Role play, group discussions, poems, short stories, drawings, presentations)

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## Activity:

- Divide students into groups of 4-5
- Discuss facts about the Mississippi River
- Present placecards on table for each group
- Allow 25-30 minutes for students to work together to plan, create and prepare ideas

## Closure:

- Reflect on facts about the Mississippi River and Yazoo Mississippi Levee Board
- Visit Tunica Museum and Mississippi River/Levee
- Allow students to present
- Give written quiz

# Reflections

- Discuss effectiveness of lesson
- Relate knowledge gained to previous knowledge
- Establish what learners might next want to know or be able to do

- Grade-level questions:

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