

## Going with the Flow: An enquiry approach to teaching rivers

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## The three ages of a river

The 'young river': the upper course - is closest to the source of the river and may feature steep hills, fast-flowing water and waterfalls



The 'middle-aged' river: the middle course - the river gets wider and slows down, depositing stones and gravel. This material drops to the river bed forming bars of sand or gravel or builds islands. During this stage the river meanders along a winding path

The 'old river': the lower course is the final part of the river. At this stage the river has a wide smooth channel, and it is generally large and silty with muddy banks as it reaches its final destination

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