

## Lesson 1 - Geography - Rivers and Cities

L.O: I understand the 3 courses of a river.

Watch this video clip.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llK3bgjiEEk>



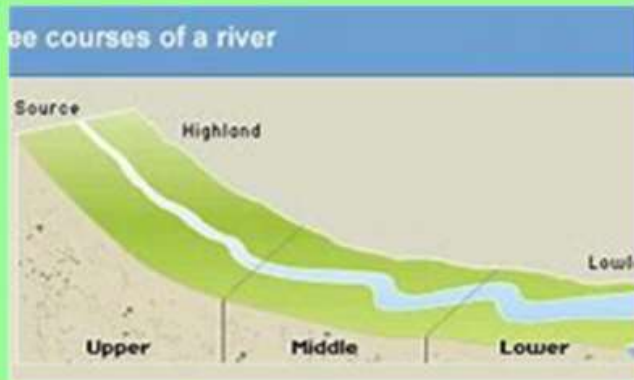
Now time yourself, you have 5 minutes to write down as much as you know about how a River is formed and where it comes from.

### Key Words:

The Source - Where a river starts.  
Usually found in mountains or hills.

A Tributary - where 2 or streams /  
rivers come together to make a bigger  
stream / river.

# The Three Courses of a River



Can you see what they are called?

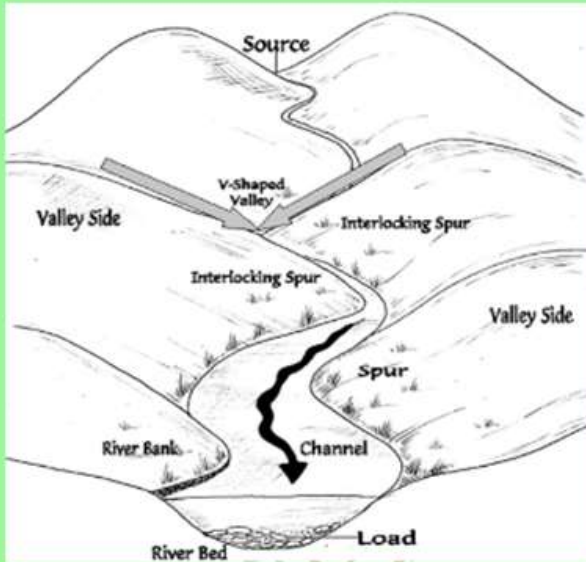
## The Upper Course:



Can you list 2 things that you notice?

Think carefully about what the river looks like.

## Upper Course



★ V-shaped valleys

★ Narrow

★ Shallow water

★ The water can flow fast and be quite rough!

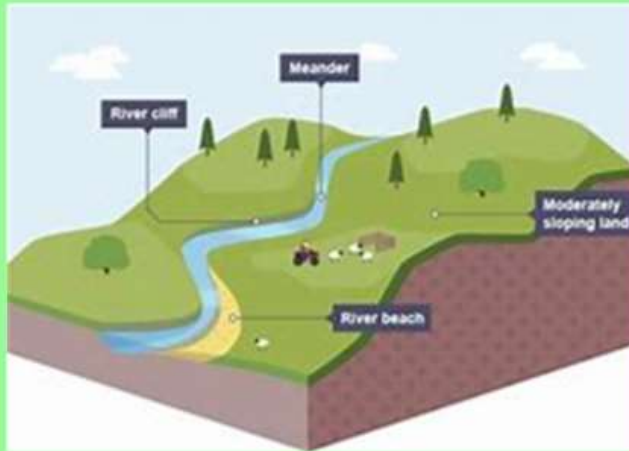
## The Middle Course

Can you list 2 things that you notice?



Think carefully about what the river looks like.

## Middle Course



- ★ More water than the upper course
- ★ Wider and deeper from erosion
- ★ Winding (also known as 'meanders')

### **KEY WORD:** Erosion

Rock / earth around the river is worn away, mostly by the movement of the river.

## The Lower Course



Can you list 2 things that you notice?

Think carefully about what the river looks like.

## Lower Course



- ★ Has more water than the other two courses.
- ★ Deepest and widest
- ★ Surrounded by flat land
- ★ Flood plains

Now use what you have learnt about the three courses of a river, can you fill in the table?

	Diagram	Features
Upper course		
Middle course		
Lower course		

