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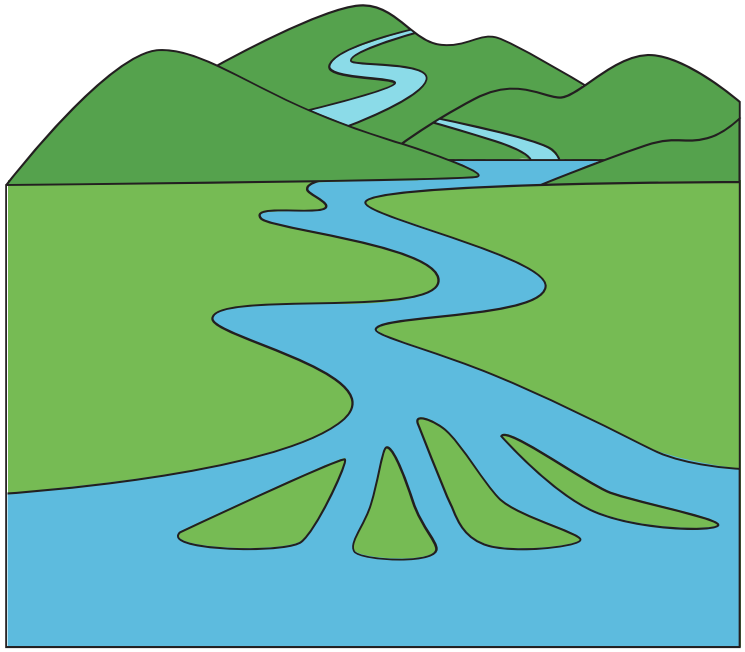

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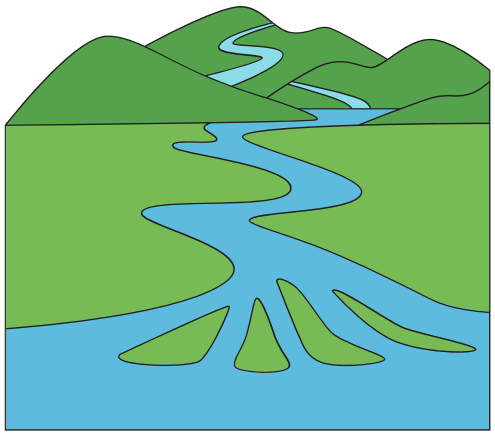
A watershed is an area of land where runoff water drains into a single point, like a river, lake or ocean. Think of it like a large funnel. Everyone in the world lives near a watershed!



Watersheds are important. We rely on them to supply us with freshwater for drinking, agricultural purposes, and more.

The largest watershed in the U.S. is the Mississippi River Watershed, which drains 1.15 million square miles of U.S. and Canadian land!

Supplies Needed

-Modeling clay or paper
-Cookie sheet or shallow dish
-Markers
-Spray bottle with water
-Food coloring
-Small figurines, animals, cars, houses, trees, etc. (optional)

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1. Place your cookie sheet or container on a flat surface. This will hold your watershed.

2. Use your clay or crumple up your paper to make some land. Make higher parts and low lying areas; give your land some variety. If you're using paper, draw houses, mountains, trees etc.

3. If you're using clay, carve in some rivers, mold mountains or hills, and add any small figurines.

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4. Place a few drops of blue food coloring in a spray bottle filled with water. Mix well.

5. Spray your model and watch the water flow!

Questions to Consider:

-How is water flowing into your watershed?

-Does your land have one or many watersheds?

-How could pollution runoff affect a watershed?

Source: https://www.thurstontalk.com/2020/03/26/home-watershed-activities-with-south-sound-green-welcome-to-the-watershed/

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