



Natural Boundaries Worksheet

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Instructions

Review the “The Potomac River Watershed: County & State Boundaries,” “Natural Boundaries of the Potomac River Watershed,” and “Potomac River Watershed: Forest Cover” maps and ask your teacher to clarify any questions you have about either map. Make sure that you understand all of the features of the maps and pay special attention to the keys. Comparing the two maps, follow the instructions below and answer all questions in complete sentences.

1. Major cities are usually located near waterways. Explain why. _____

2. The natural boundary of the Potomac River also provides a political boundary between which states? _____

On the “Natural Boundaries of the Potomac River Watershed” map, find which river or stream you live near. Trace where the water flows from your river/stream, all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. Answer the following questions.

3. In which **sub-watershed** do you live? _____

4. Where do the **headwaters** of your sub-watershed’s major **tributary** originate? _____



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5. To which major river does the water from your sub-watershed's major tributary flow? _____

6. Referring to the County and State Boundaries map, which political territories does the water pass through as it flows from your sub-watershed to the Chesapeake Bay? List the territories in order. _____

7. Is there a correlation between areas with higher **elevation** and thickly forested areas? (Compare the Forest Cover and Natural Boundaries maps.) _____

8. Are major cities mainly located in areas that are thickly forested? (Compare the Political Boundaries and Forest Cover maps.) _____

9. How might thickly forested and mountainous areas influence development? (Compare all three maps.) _____

10. Name three kinds of natural features that influence political boundaries. (Compare all three maps.) _____
