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## **River Uses and Human Settlements**

Rivers have played a crucial role in the development of human settlements for thousands of years. These flowing bodies of water have provided numerous benefits to people living along

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fertime or the land. This has enabled the growth or crops like rice, wheat, and maize, sustaining communities for centuries.

**Industry:** During the Industrial Revolution, rivers powered early factories and mills. The fast-flowing water was harnessed to turn waterwheels, which, in turn, drove machinery and helped produce textiles, flour, and other goods. The availability of hydropower made rivers centers for manufacturing and economic growth.

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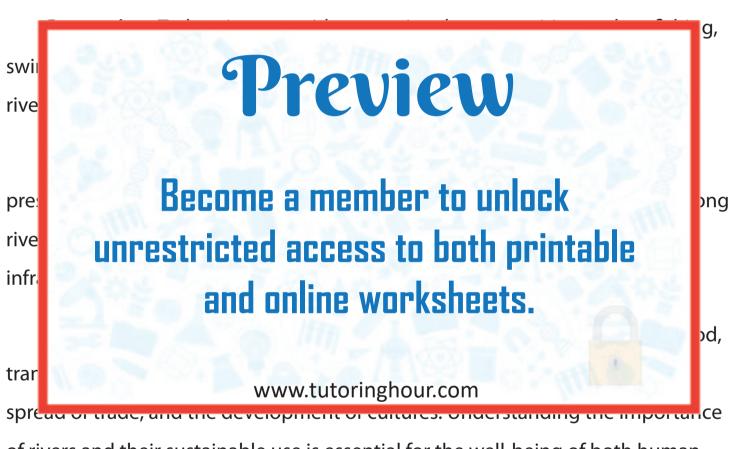
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**Drinking Water:** Rivers have been a primary source of drinking water for many communities. People built settlements near rivers to have access to clean and fresh water. In modern times, water treatment plants help ensure the safety of the water before it reaches our taps.



of rivers and their sustainable use is essential for the well-being of both human communities and the environment.

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5)	What are some modern recreational activities that rivers offer?