



NATURAL MARVELS

Fabled Waters

What river in India plays a central role in Hindu spiritual life? How were the Great Lakes formed?

Read *Fabled Waters* to find out!

What did you learn?

QUESTIONS

- The Earth's surface is covered with ...
 - Three-fourths water
 - Two-thirds water
 - One-half water
 - Four-thirds water
- Ganges is India's greatest ...
 - Rift
 - Lake
 - Waterway
 - Beach
- Rigid slabs of rock are called ...
 - Tectonic plates
 - Rocks
 - Formations
 - Foundations
- Much of the landscapes in North America have been carved by ...
 - Erosion
 - Global warming
 - Tornadoes
 - Glaciers
- How many lakes form the Great Lakes?
- Niagara Falls is on the border of which two countries?

TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. The Ganges is the world's most sacred river. | _____ 4. Lake Superior is the easternmost Great Lake. |
| _____ 2. The Ganges is personified by the Goddess Ganga. | _____ 5. The world's largest mangrove forest is in the Ganges Delta. |
| _____ 3. Haridwar is India's holiest city. | _____ 6. Niagara Falls is one waterfall. |

ANSWERS

- 1. b. Two-thirds water.** According to section "Introduction" on page 4, we know that "More than two-thirds of Earth's surface is covered in water." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. c. Waterway.** According to section "Where Is the Ganges and What's Special About It?" on page 8, we know that "The Ganges is India's greatest waterway and one of its longest rivers." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. a. Tectonic plates.** According to section "How the Ganges Formed" on page 14, we know that "Earth's solid outer surface, or crust, is made up of vast rigid slabs of rock called tectonic plates." So, the correct answer is A.
- 4. d. Glaciers.** According to section "How the Great Lakes Formed" on page 24, we know that "Much of the landscape of northern North America has been carved by glaciers." So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 22, the Great Lakes are formed of five lakes.
- 6.** According to page 30, Niagara Falls is on the border between the United States of America and Canada.

TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "Introduction" on page 4, we know that "The Ganges has been called the world's most sacred river." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. True.** According to section "The Legend of Ma Ganga" on page 10, we know that "In the Hindu religion, the Ganges is personified by the goddess Ganga." So, the correct answer is True.
- 3. False.** According to section "Sacred River" on page 16, we know that "Varanasi is India's holiest city." So, the correct answer is False.
- 4. False.** According to section "Where Are the Great Lakes and What's Special About Them?" on page 22, we know that "Lake Superior is the westernmost of the Great Lakes and the largest." So, the correct answer is False.
- 5. True.** According to section "Wildlife" on page 19, we know that "A swampy area of the Ganges Delta called the Sundarbans is home to the world's largest mangrove forest." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section "Where Is Niagara Falls and What's Special About It?" on page 30, we know that "Niagara Falls actually consists of two waterfalls, the Horseshoe Falls and the American Falls." So, the correct answer is False.