

River stages and parts

1. This is the beginning of a river - UC
2. It starts at the source of a river and continues until the river meets flatter land - MC
3. The river empties into the sea or lake - LC
4. The water flows quickly and the river is smaller - UC
5. The river gets bigger and wider - MC
6. The mouth of the river is found ~~at~~ here - LC
7. The river begins to slow down - LC
8. This is the last stage of a river - LC
9. The river becomes even wider and the water flows more slowly - LC



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 Upper course
 flows with high velocity
 V-shaped valleys
 Vertical erosion dominates
 waterfalls, rapids, gorges etc.

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~~Upper~~ Middle course
 flows with moderate velocity
 vertical and lateral erosion
 plenty of streams
 meanders, alluvial fans etc.

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 Lower course
 flows with low velocity
 lateral erosion dominates &
 wide channels
 extensive flood plains
 braided channels
 etc, levees, oxbow lakes, meanders, etc