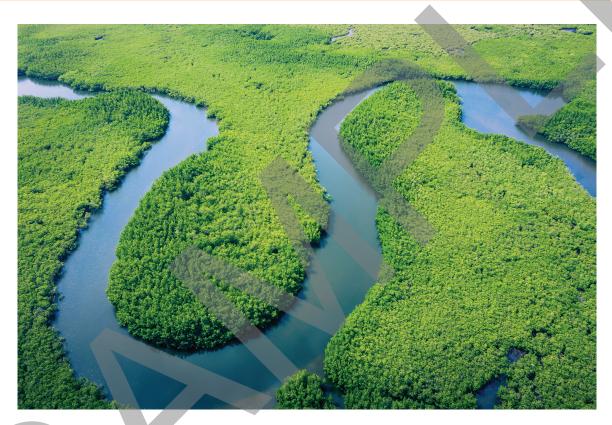
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UNIT 2

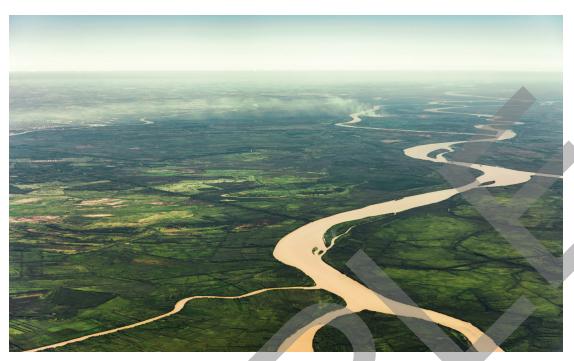
SOCIAL STUDIES
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Audio Passage: "Mighty Rivers – the Mighty Amazon" by Jen Green, Black Rabbit Publishing, 2010







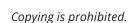
- **1.** How much of the world's river water flows through the Amazon?
 - A One half
 - One third
 - © One fourth
 - One fifth
- **2.** Which phrase from the passage helps explain the meaning of *drainage basin*?
 - A "rainy season"
 - B "upriver as far as the port of Manaus"
 - © "covers nearly half of South America"
 - ① "impossible to see"



- 3. Which statement provides an example of how large the Amazon River truly is?
 - A The Amazon River is shorter than the Nile River.
 - B The Amazon reaches depths of 131 feet and can be up to 28 miles wide.
 - © The Amazon is home to a wide range of wildlife, including piranhas.
 - ① The Amazon once flowed in the opposite direction, according to scientists.

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- **4.** Which statement best explains why the depth and width of the river vary from season to season?
 - A Farmers use more water in the summer months.
 - B The depth and width of the river does not vary.
 - © Winter freezes the Amazon while spring thaws the river out.
 - ① The amount of rainfall varies each season.
- **5.** Which best supports the significance of the scientific study from September 2006?
 - A The study proved that the river existed during the age of dinosaurs.
 - B The study proved that the river once flowed west toward the Pacific.
 - © The study proved that there is sediment in the center of South America.
 - ① The study proved that the Amazon always flows the same way.



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- **6.** What would be the most likely explanation for why there are not many large cities located along the Amazon River's banks?
 - (A) It would be too expensive to build on the riverbank.
 - B The animal and plant species are too dangerous to live near.
 - © The variable amount of flooding with each season could be dangerous.
 - D People do not want to live alongside the Amazon River.