



Discovering Estuaries Student Worksheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fill out the following table while locating your six estuaries:

Estuary	Name of major river(s) flowing into estuary	Name of body of water the estuary flows into (Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic Ocean)
Example	Sacramento River	Pacific Ocean
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

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After completing the lab activity, please answer the following questions:

1. What geographical features did you look for on the map to locate an estuary?
2. On which coast is the largest estuary in the United States (by water volume) located?

Using the information from the lecture, answer the following questions:

1. What are the two most important identifying features of an estuary?
 - a.
 - b.
2. Why are estuaries important to migrating birds?
3. Think about all the ways humans use estuaries. Do you personally benefit from our local estuary ecosystem? If so, how?