



River Settlements

Name _____ Date _____

1. Look at the map of the U.S. at Night. Record your observations about populated areas versus less populated or unpopulated areas.
2. Why do you think some areas are more heavily populated than the others?
3. Compare the map of the U.S. at Night to the map of Major Rivers and Cities in the United States. What do you notice about the location of major cities?
4. What geographic or man-made features do you think influenced the establishment and growth of other major cities, especially those interior cities that are not along rivers?
5. What conclusions can you make about the conditions that influenced decisions about where to establish settlements?