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Describe an important river/lake/piece of water in your country

You should say:

- How long the river/lake/piece of water is
- What it looks like
- Where is it
- Why it is important

To be honest, when I read this topic, my heart sank because I'm not familiar with lakes, rivers etc in my country so apologies for the lack of detail in my answer, but I'll do my best. Right, the river in question is the River Thames. It's certainly the most famous river in the UK and I guess it's probably quite well-known throughout the world. As I said, I'm not really into rivers, but I have a feeling it goes from London to the sea. In answer to the question, how long it is, I have absolutely no idea... I'll hazard a guess – roughly 250 miles.

Having said that, however, I have been on a trip down the river. A few years back, I went on a boat trip on it. It goes from central London and passes a lot of famous landmarks such as the House of Parliament, the Tower of London and the Globe Theatre. Oh and not forgetting, one of the most iconic buildings in London – Big Ben.

In the dim and distant past, the river was used for the transportation of goods into London and I imagine it was a busy route. However, because of the development of the road network, the river is not used as much for the movement of goods. There is still a port in London though, but I have a feeling that it has moved to the outskirts of London.

I'm really sorry that my knowledge of this river is a bit sketchy, but like I said before, I'm not really a fan of geography and I come from the north of England and this river is located in our capital city, in the south so it is only something I have seen on the few occasions that I have visited the city.