



estuaries

student worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

1. Define estuary. _____

2. What is the name of the estuary in our area? _____

How many states does it pass through? _____

3. Which rivers contribute 80 percent of the total freshwater input into the Bay?

4. How many stream, creeks, and rivers contribute to the water input of the Bay? _____

5. Define watershed. _____

6. How large is the Bay's watershed? How many states does it include?

7. What are some of the habitat areas found in the Bay and its watershed?

8. What are some reasons why the Bay is important?

9. What are some of the problems affecting the Bay? What are some things you can do to save it?

BONUS: When translated, what does the word "Chesapeake" mean? How long ago was the Chesapeake Bay formed?
