



Designated Wild & Scenic, Our Rivers Have History

In 1999, 29-miles of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord River were designate “Wild & Scenic” but the federal government, recognizing their outstanding scenery, ecology, recreation opportunities, and **their place in American history** and literature. [Learn more about our Wild & Scenic Rivers.](#)

Over 500 years ago, a group of native American tribes, called the Agonquians, lived in the area. They called the rivers Musketaquid, which means “place where waters flow through the grasses.” The wide, flat meadows attracted early settlers in the mid 1600s and they brought their cattle to graze.

More and more people came to the rivers because all of the resources they provided. Businesses grew and developed. Concord and Sudbury were the first towns to be established along the rivers, and in 1775 the colonist fought for their freedom in the American Revolution.

Activity 1:

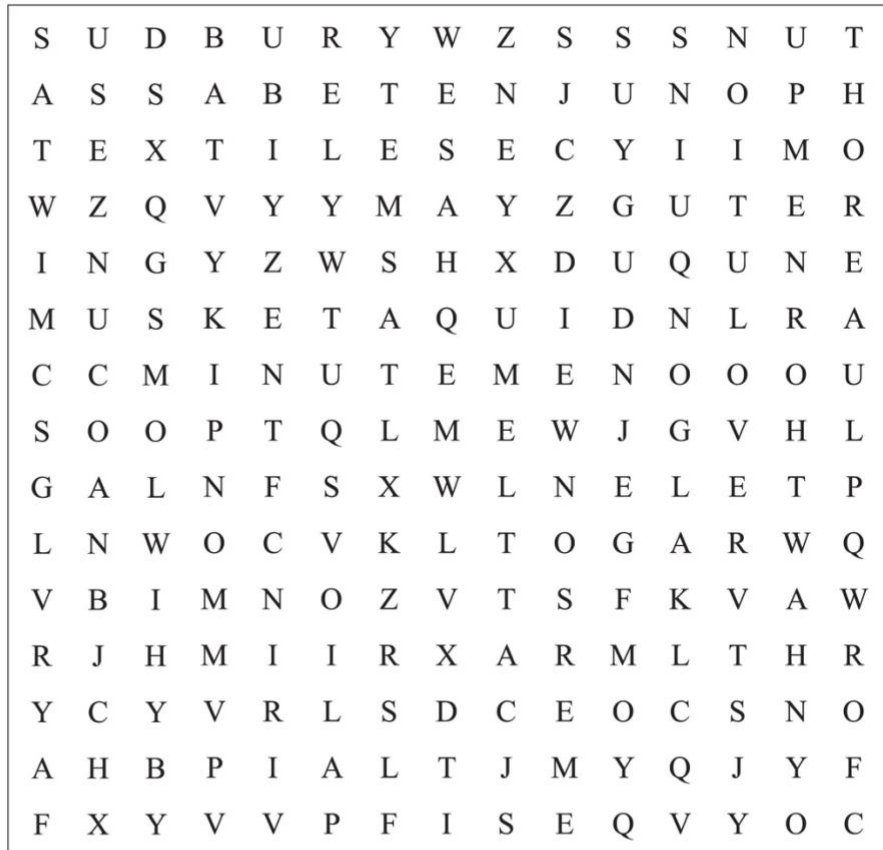
Imagine you are a Native American, early settler, farmer, or millowner. What did these rivers look like? Were they a lot different from what you see today?

Draw a picture or write a story about what life was like for those who live on these rivers over 400 years ago.

Activity 2:

Find the
history keywords
from the box below
in the word search!

Words can be
across (left to right)
or up and down.



MUSKETAQUID
CONCORD
THOREAU
TEXTILES

COLONISTS
SUDBURY
HAWTHORNE
FARMING

ALGONQUINS
ASSABET
EMERSON
REVOLUTION

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