# The Mighty Mo Glossary

**Alluvium**: material, including silt, carried and deposited by a river.

**Cataract**: series of rapids or waterfalls on a large river.

**Channel**: deeper part of a river; usually more navigable.

**Confluence**: place where two rivers come together.

**Dam**: structure designed to hold back river water, creating a reservoir.

**Delta**: fan-shaped area of sediment at mouth of a river.

**Drought**: long period with little or no rainfall.

**Erosion**: process of wearing away.

**Flood**: when water flows across land that is normally dry.

**Flow**: movement and speed of water.

**Headwater**: where a river begins.

**Irrigation**: water used for farmland.

**Meander**: stretch of river that changes course many times.

**Mouth**: end of a river.

**Recreation**: refreshment of a person’s mind and body.

**River**: naturally winding water pathway.

**Sand bar**: submerged ridge of sand or gravel.

**Tributary**: stream or river that feeds into a larger waterway

