

Major Rivers: A Texas-specific Water Education Program

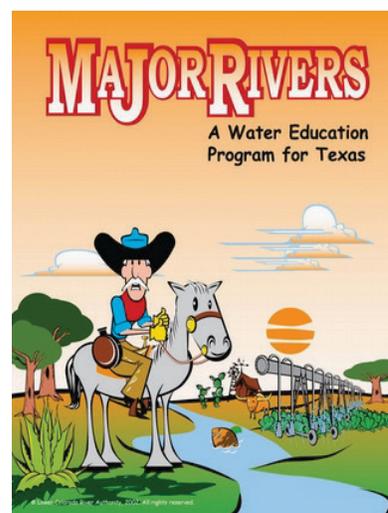
What is Major Rivers?

Major Rivers, along with his horse, Aquifer, has been visiting 4th and 5th grade classrooms for over 25 years. This multidisciplinary program includes a teacher's guide, colorful and engaging student workbooks and home leaflets, and an introductory movie. Originally launched by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in 1989, the Major Rivers program was modified in 2003 into a statewide version that integrates water planning, conservation, internet resources, and historical stories about Texas river basins. This water education and conservation program is sponsored by many water supply entities and has been adopted into the curriculum of many school districts across the state.

What lessons are taught in Major Rivers?

The lessons in Major Rivers align with the Texas Education Agency's TEKS and STAAR objectives and include:

- The importance of water in Texas
- The water cycle
- Texas water supply and water planning
- Watersheds and river basins
- How our water use affects our world
- Water treatment and distribution
- Using water efficiently



How can I order the Major Rivers program materials?

TWDB's Major Rivers program is offered on an ongoing basis. To order Major Rivers, please visit the Major Rivers Web page at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/conservation/education/kids/MajorRivers/>. For questions about the program or if you need assistance, please contact our Conservation Education Specialist at consedu@twdb.texas.gov.

