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In this activity you are to classify **the rivers and dams in the Missouri Watershed using a taxonomic key**. A taxonomic key is a listing of specific characteristics. To identify the rivers and dams, you will need to use a map of South Dakota. Read each phrase and follow the directions given. Write the name of the river or dam on the line provided. Choose your answers from the following list:

Oahe
Big Bend
Fort Randall

James
Vermillion
Gavins Point

Cheyenne
Big Sioux
White

Grand
Bad
Moreau



- 1a A river of South Dakota..... Go to 5
- 1b Not a river of South Dakota..... Go to 2
- 2a A dam located at our capitol city, Pierre..... _____
- 2b A dam not located at our capitol..... Go to 3
- 3a A dam located north of Chamberlain, South Dakota..... _____
- 3b A dam not located north of Chamberlain, South Dakota..... Go to 4
- 4a A dam located between Bon Homme and Clay Counties..... _____
- 4b A dam not located between Bon Homme and Clay Counties..... _____
- 5a A river found west of the Missouri River..... Go to 8
- 5b A river not found west of the Missouri River..... Go to 6
- 6a A river found east of Yankton..... Go to 7
- 6b A river not found entirely east of Yankton..... _____
- 7a A river that flows through Sioux Falls, SD _____
- 7b A river that doesn't flow through Sioux Falls, SD..... _____
- 8a A river that flows into the Missouri north of Oahe Dam..... Go to 10
- 8b A river that does not flow into the Missouri north of Oahe Dam Go to 9
- 9a A river that has a color in its name..... _____
- 9b A river that doesn't have a color in its name..... _____
- 10a A river that drains the southern Black Hills area to the Missouri _____
- 10b A river that doesn't drain the southern Black Hills area Go to 11
- 11a A river that flows through the Shadehill Dam in Perkins Cty _____
- 11b A river not dammed by the Shadehill Dam in Perkins Cty _____

