

# Get More Out of This Book

## Big River

The Mississippi River, one of the most important rivers in the world, divides Minneapolis and St. Paul. Show readers a map that shows the full length of the river and find five other big cities along the river. Are there any other cities that are across the river from each other? If so, are they always in the same state?

## A Virtual Visit

Use the book as a springboard for a technology extension by watching this Mississippi National River and Recreation Area video: <https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=29C996EE-B7B6-C720-12EB2C4AC81D7825>. It will give readers an overview of the importance of the Mississippi River to Minneapolis and St. Paul. After watching, can readers name some ways that the river can be enjoyed by people who live near it?

## Get the Picture?

Several photographs of places visited by Pete and Larry can be viewed on this National Park Service website: [http://www.nps.gov/miss/photosmultimedia/press\\_gallery.htm](http://www.nps.gov/miss/photosmultimedia/press_gallery.htm). After readers have looked at photographs of the Minneapolis/St. Paul skyline, Minnehaha Falls, Stone Arch Bridge, Mill Ruins Park, and the Upper St. Anthony Falls and Lock and Dam, ask them to select one site. Have them dictate or write a short piece comparing the book's illustration with the photograph. How are they alike and how are they different? Do they like one better than the other? Do they think the illustrator tried to make his drawing look like the real thing?

**TEACHER'S GUIDE:** The above discussion questions and activities are from our teacher's guide, which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts for Grades K to 1. For the complete guide and a list of the exact standards it aligns with, visit our website, [SasquatchBooks.com](http://SasquatchBooks.com)

