Your Place in the Watershed:

Map Activity

You can use a reference map while following these instructions.

1. Set aside space on your map to create a legend. Make a different symbol for each new feature you add to your map, and include it in your legend. You might want to use different colors for different features.

2. Draw a directional symbol to indicate north, south, east, and west.

3. Use a black pen to trace the state boundaries. Label the following states on your map: Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia, and New Jersey. Find and label the District of Columbia.

4. Find and label the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.

5. Find the following cities in Maryland and indicate the approximate location on your maps:
   a. Baltimore
   b. Annapolis
   c. Cumberland
   d. Easton
   e. Waldorf

6. Locate and label the following large rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay: the Susquehanna, Patuxent, Choptank, Potomac, and Patapsco. These are some of the main tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay.

7. Find the approximate location of your school and label it on your map.

8. Label large streams or rivers near your school.

9. Create a symbol to represent the Appalachian Mountains and put it on your map. Add the symbol to your legend.

10. Work with your team to answer to determine how far your school is from the nearest big tributary to the Chesapeake Bay.

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