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Mapping Drainage Basins and Rivers

You will be assigned one of the following rivers: Rhine, Oder, Dnieper, Danube, Volga, or Pechora. Complete each item below on the Physical Map of Europe for your assigned river.

1. Trace the length of the river. Identify where the river begins, which is likely in the mountains. Trace it to where it ends in an ocean or sea. Describe it.

2. Look around the river to find mountains that surround it. Trace the area defined by the mountains. Any water that falls into this area as rain will flow downhill and drain into the river. Shade in the area you traced. This is the drainage basin for the river. Describe it.

3. Compare the drainage basin you shaded to the Country Borders in Europe map. List the countries that are included in the drainage basin.

4. What countries outside the drainage basin might be linked to Europe through trade at this port?

