Directions: Read the two excerpts (Sources 2 and 4) about the Mississippi River and answer the questions below.

1) (Multiple Select) Using source 2, how have humans **most likely** impacted the Mississippi River’s natural ability to recreate the landscape of Louisiana? Select **two that apply**.

   a) changed the course of the Mississippi River.
   b) created dams for alternative energy.
   c) stopped the release of sediment onto the floodplain.
   d) created levees to hold floodwaters.
   e) altered the flow of the Mississippi River.

2) (Multiple Choice) Based on source 4, what is the **major** impact that the Mississippi River has on the people of Louisiana?

   a) it is repeatedly changing course
   b) it floods once a year.
   c) the speed of the current is continuously shifting.
   d) the water level is frequently fluctuating.

3) Based on the sources and your knowledge of social studies, describe two ways the Mississippi River has impacted the geography of Louisiana.

   a) __________________________________________________________________________
   b) __________________________________________________________________________

4) (Fill in the blank) The river is vital to Louisiana and acts as one of the world’s **b __ __ __ __ __ __** port systems increasing trade in the state.

   (at the river’s end!)