

Student Handout—Maps:

1. On the map of Tennessee showing the major rivers before reservoir construction, locate and color the French Broad River (brown), the Nolichucky River (yellow), the Little Tennessee River (red), the Hiwassee River (green), and the Tennessee River (blue).
2. Look at the map; now draw circles around the names of Indian villages. Look for:
 - Chota
 - Toqua
 - Chucalissa
 - Great Hiwassee
 - Tanasqui
3. Why do you think Indians would have built their towns on islands or along rivers? **Because rivers provided fish for food and a means of transportation**
4. Suppose we found Spanish artifacts at archaeological sites in Tennessee. Would that prove that de Soto's expedition must have visited those sites? Why, or why not? **No, even if they came from de Soto's party, the artifacts might have been traded among tribes or taken to different locations**
5. Try and locate where your school would be if it was shown on the map. Put a star in the location. Is your school near a river?

Many early settlements at Knoxville, Kingsport, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis were built beside rivers to take advantage of river transportation. After roads were improved, it didn't matter as much, so towns were built in locations that weren't near rivers.