Teacher Background:
- The Muskingum watershed is the Ohio state’s largest wholly contained watershed. It drains a total of 8,051 square miles, encompassing 5 counties, and portions of 22 others (approximately 20 percent of the state). Major municipalities partially or fully in the watershed include Akron, Mt. Vernon, Mansfield, Marietta, Newark, Canton, Zanesville, Cambridge and Wooster.
- The northern portion of the watershed is a mixture of urban development, agricultural land uses, such as cultivated crops, and forest. The southern portion of the watershed is predominantly comprised of forest, with some hay, and pasture lands and pockets of urban development. Everyone in the watershed lives within a few minutes of one of its streams, and rivers.
Please see PowerPoint Presentation for more Information.

Setting the Stage:
Ask students if they know the name of the watershed they live in, and have them write it in their notebook.

Acquisition of Learning:
1. Ask someone to tell the class the name of the large watershed we live in. *(Muskingum)*
2. Explain what role they play in the watershed.
3. While you present the PowerPoint, have the students write down five important facts from the presentation.
4. After the presentation is complete, have the students work in cooperative groups and compare their five important facts.
5. Have each group come up with the fact that they think is the most important and report it to the class.
6. Record the answers on the board and ask the group to explain why they chose that fact.

Closure: Have students summarize the class findings in their composition notebook.
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Responsible stewards dedicated to providing the benefits of flood reduction, conservation, and recreation in the Muskingum River Watershed.
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Figure 1.2 - Counties Within the Muskingum River Basin
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Figure 4 - Muskingum River Basin Congressional Representation