



# Knowledge Organiser: Geography- London and the River Thames

## Assessment question: How has London developed around the River Thames over time?

### Overview of Key Facts

The River Thames is the longest river that flows entirely through England. It is **215 miles long**, flowing through Oxford, Reading and London.

- Source: at Thames Head, near Kemble in the Cotswolds
- Mouth: the Thames Estuary at Southend-on-Sea where it meets the North Sea.

London has been site of settlement since the Stone Age, and the Romans built the first major settlement here in 47AD at the easiest point to cross the Thames.

The river has been used for transport, trade, agriculture, leisure and sewage activities.



### Key Vocabulary

<b>settlement</b>	A place where people live and sometimes work, from small (village) to large (city).
<b>economic</b>	relating to the production, trade and use of goods (e.g. coal) and services (e.g. healthcare)
<b>OS map</b>	an Ordnance Survey (OS) map is a detailed map produced by the British or Irish government map-making organization.
<b>grid reference</b>	a grid of squares helps the map-reader to locate a place.
<b>key</b>	used at the side of the map which explains what the symbols mean.
<b>lock</b>	A water gateway used to move boats across waterways of different levels.
<b>canal</b>	An artificial river without flow used to allow boat travel inland
<b>barge</b>	a long flat-bottomed boat used for carrying heavy goods along canals.

