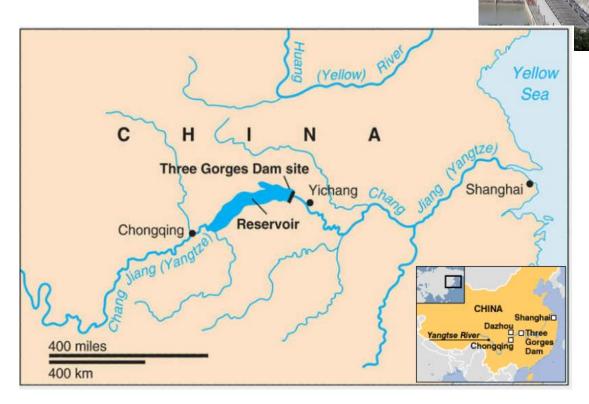
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Title: Introduction to Three Gorges Dam

Task 1: Describe the location of the Three Gorges Dam



The Three Gorges Dam is located in Eastern China. It is found on the			river
It is of Yichang and	of Chongqing.		
WORDS: West	North East	Yangtze	

Task 2: Three Gorges Dam facts – read the information and answer the questions below

The three gorges dam took 17 years to build and cost over \$25 billion to complete. The dam has forced over 1.6 million people to relocate and caused widespread environmental and cultural damage. The three gorges dam is the largest hydro-electric dam in the world. This means that it creates electricity as the water passes through the dam. The dam wall is over 600 feet high and can hold back the huge force of the river and it is 1.4 miles wide and 400 miles long.

- 1. How long did it take to build?
- 2. How many people were relocated?
- 3. What does hydro-electricity mean?



<u>Task 3: Read through the statements. Identify whether they are a POSITIVE or NEGATIVE impact of the Three Gorges Dam.</u>

Good quality farmland has been lost due to flooding	100 million people living downriver will be protected from flooding	Rubbish will be trapped behind the dam.
Hydro electricity is a clean fuel and will reduce China's need for coal.	Families who were forced to relocate were not given money	Provides energy for 60 million
The Baiji (a dolphin found only in the Yangtze River) has now been declared extinct	Creates a tourist attraction	

Task 4: Explain the social impacts (impacts to people) caused by the Three Gorges Dam

One social impact of the Three Gorges Dam was
This affected people because
A second social impact is
This affected people because

<u>CHALLENGE</u>: The Three Gorges Dam should never have been built because it has caused too many issues for people and the environment". Do you agree with this statement?