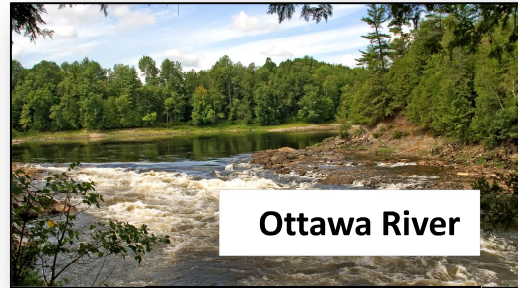


White Water Adventure

The sun came up, warming up the morning air inside the tents. The girls unzipped their tents and tumbled outside. They stretched, cleaned up, and got ready for their day- a day they had been looking forward to for months. Today was the day they would take on the Ottawa River.



The five girls had been friends for many years and had spent many summers tackling Ontario's raging rivers. This summer they had decided to go camping, enjoy Canada's capital city, and go white water rafting on the **Ottawa River**. The girls collected their gear and headed off to the point in the river that people set off from. They did a final check of their raft, looking for any holes or tears, and put on their safety gear. When they had first started rafting, they didn't realize just how dangerous it could be. Canada's wilderness was vast, and the rivers they'd rafted had been rough. The girls had not been prepared for the rough rides they encountered at first, and some of their trips had ended early because of injuries. Over the years, they had learned their lesson and heard the rumours about the rough water the Ottawa River carried. This time, they were taking precautions and being safe. They clicked on their lifejackets and helmets and grabbed their paddles. They placed their raft in the water, climbed in, and they were off!



They rushed down the river at top speeds, nearly missing, and sometimes hitting, the rocks along the way. They steered the raft as well as they could into the oncoming rapids. Their raft was pushed upwards by the rapids, and at one point, the raft was not even in the water. The trip down the Ottawa River was fast and furious. In the end, the girls sat back and enjoyed the calm water, the scenery, and the fact that they'd finally conquered the Ottawa River. Now they'd start planning their next adventure.

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1. In which body of water were the girls rafting?
2. What was the last thing they did before they put the raft in the water?
3. Why do you need a lot of safety equipment for white water rafting?
4. Drag the circle around the word that best describes the rapids:

calm

powerful

orange

small

5. How do you think the girls felt after their rafting trip was done? Why do you think they felt this way?

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On a separate sheet of paper, use one of the story starters below to write the introduction to an adventure story. Introduce the setting, characters, and problem at the start! Remember to give your story a title.

- I couldn't believe I won the contest.
- It all started three weeks ago when...
- It was going to be the greatest trip ever.
- I used to think I was afraid of heights.