

Runoff and Drainage Basins

Runoff: Water flowing downhill due to gravity

Water flows into small creeks which merge into larger streams and merge into even larger rivers.

A small river which flows into a larger river is called a **tributary** of that river.

A **drainage basin** or **watershed** is the place all the water from an area will eventually flow.

Questions

1. What is a river that water from here eventually ends up in?
2. What ocean does water from here eventually end up in?
3. Explain why planting trees along a slope would decrease runoff.