

Landforms Shaped by Water

Note-taking Guide – Answer Key

*sandy, sediments, beaches, Australia, archipelago, partly, island,
deltas, rivers, peninsula, deposit, bay, Lake Superior, gravel,
lakes, coast*

A coast is a region of land along a river or an ocean where land meets the water. A coast may be rocky or sandy.

Sometimes, land on the coast wears away slowly over millions of years to form a bay. A bay is a part of the ocean that is partly enclosed by land.

Beaches are formed when a coast is eroded over millions of years. They are formed when wind and storms deposit sand, pebbles, and gravel.

As the river meets the oceans, it deposits huge amounts of sediments at the mouth. Over millions of years, these deposits form large areas of triangular land called deltas.

Lakes are large bodies of water that are surrounded by land on all sides. Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Ontario are some of the largest lakes in America.

An island is a piece of land surrounded by water on all sides. Islands can be found on lakes, rivers, and oceans. Australia and Antarctica are both large continents that are also islands.

A chain or a large group of islands clustered together in an ocean is called an archipelago. The Hawaiian Archipelago is made of eight major islands and several smaller islands.

A peninsula is a piece of land surrounded by water on three sides.