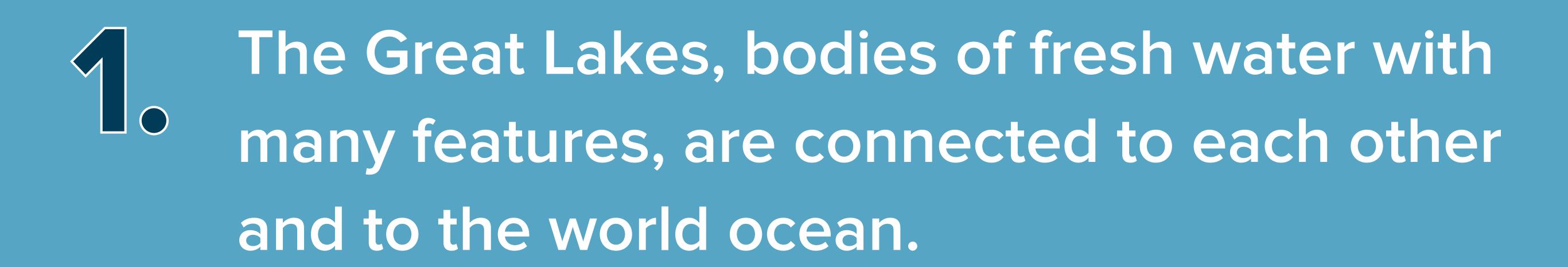
## Great Lakes Literacy Principles



- Natural forces formed the Great Lakes; the lakes continue to shape the features of their watershed.
- The Great Lakes influence local and regional weather and climate.
- Water makes Earth habitable; fresh water sustains life on land.
- The Great Lakes support a broad diversity of life and ecosystems.
- The Great Lakes and humans in their watersheds are inextricably interconnected.
- Much remains to be learned about the Great Lakes.
- The Great Lakes are socially, economically, and environmentally significant to the region, the nation and the planet.

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