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1. The Three Gorges Dam is scheduled for completion in 2009.

2. The dam is rising in the Chinese village of Sandouping.

3. Floods have killed 300,000 Chinese in the 20th century.

4. The Three Gorges Dam will be 607 feet high and over a mile wide

5. The source of the Yangtze is melting ice off the Tibetan Plateau

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11. Critics say the region would be better served by a series of smaller dams.

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13. 1.9 million people will be forced from ancestral homes and farms and relocated elsewhere.

14. Opponents to the dam charge that costs could run as high as 75 billion.

15. The Yangtze is the world's third longest river.

16. A 1996 flood killed 2,700 people; as many as 140,000 died in a 1931 flood.

17. The dam needs to be built, regardless of all risks and dangers and losses.

18. Relocating over a million people cannot happen without serious social consequences.

19. There is worldwide criticism over the wisdom of building the dam.

20. The still waters of the reservoir may recreate a pollution problem.

21. The Three Gorges Dam will use more material than 44 great pyramids,

22. The Chinese government has imprisoned and persecuted critics of the dam.

23. The reservoir will have a series of locks so that large ships can pass through.

24. The 370-mile reservoir will be deep enough for ships 10 times the size of those used today.