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YOUR GUIDE TO SMART SEARCHING AND EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES

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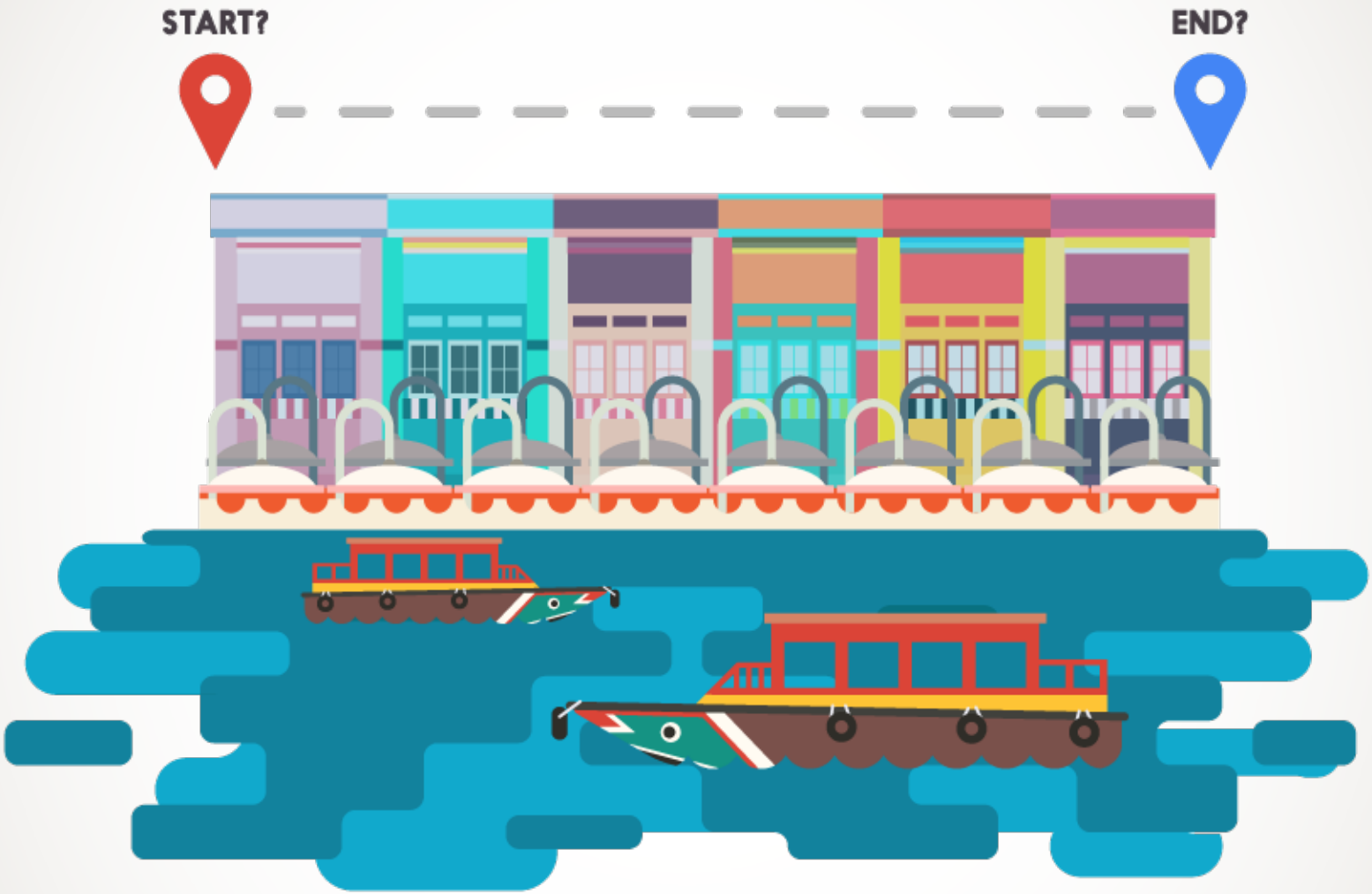
INTRODUCTION

SMART SEARCHING ONLINE



BOOLEAN OPERATORS

Boolean Operators are simple words (such as AND, OR, and NOT) used as conjunctions to combine or exclude keywords in a search, resulting in more focused and productive results.

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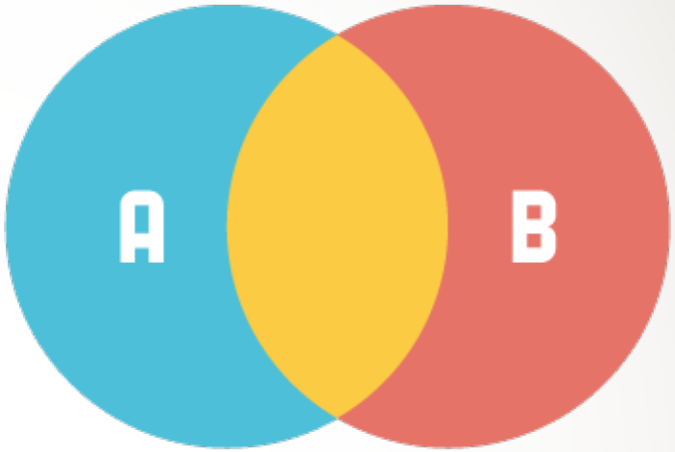

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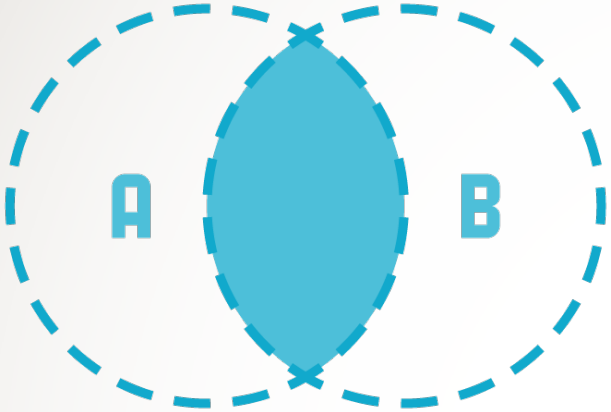

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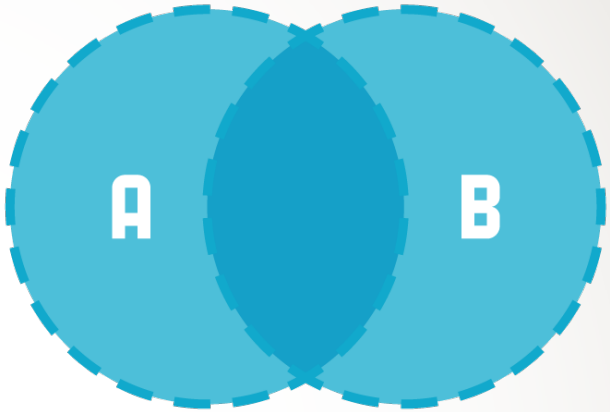

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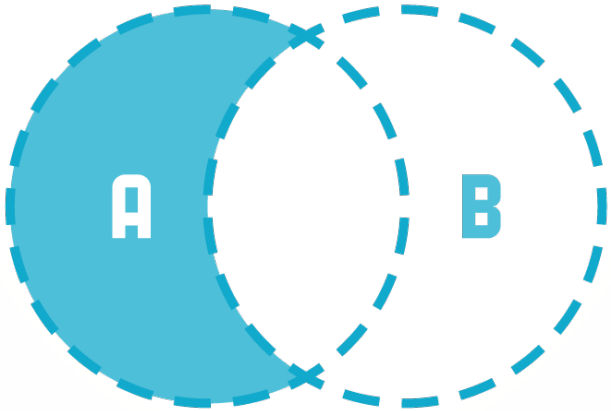

NOT

USING SYNONYMS

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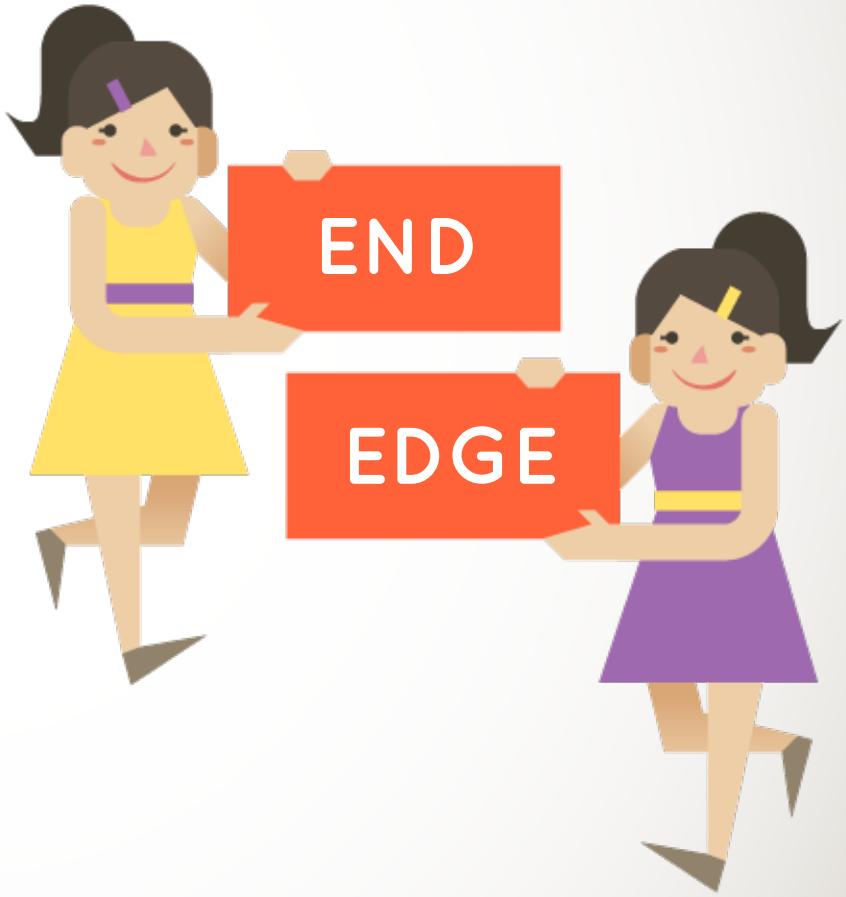
a word that has the same meaning as another word in the same language.



EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES

HOW S.U.R.E. ARE YOU ?

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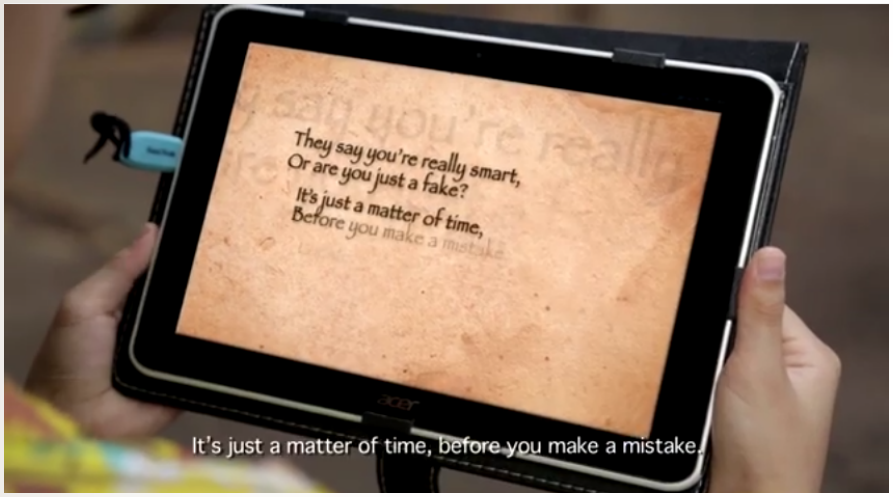

SURE Lok Hom and
the Case of the Mysterious Map

(Secondary Level)

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the Case of Cosplay Showdown

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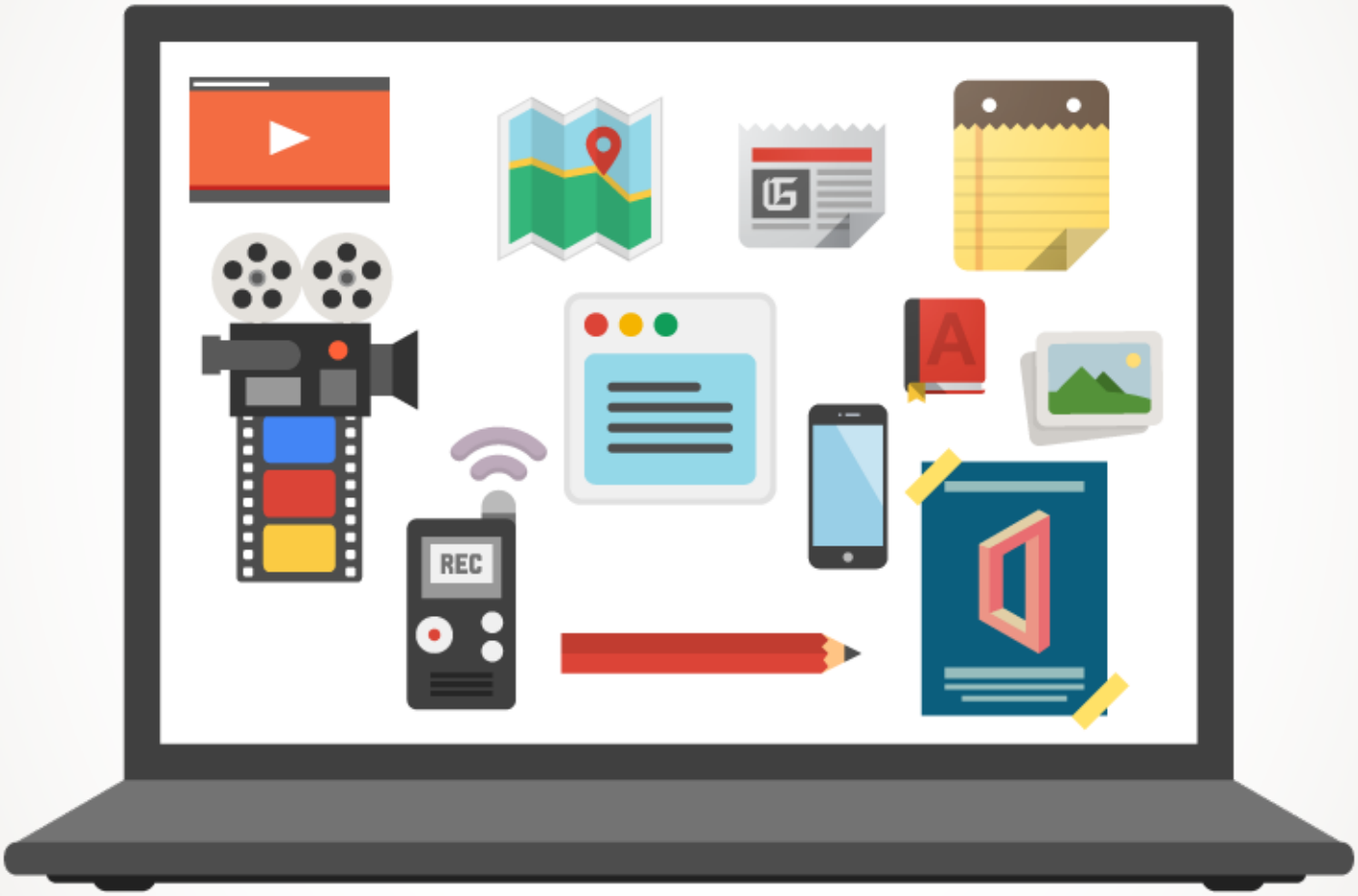
TYPES OF WEB SOURCES



TYPES OF WEB SOURCES

Using the research topic of *'Where does Singapore River start and end?'*, consider the following web sources:

- **Infopedia Article**
  'Source of the Singapore River' Infopedia
- **River Cruise Singapore Website**
- **Personal Research**

Singapore River:
Flowing Quietly Through Time

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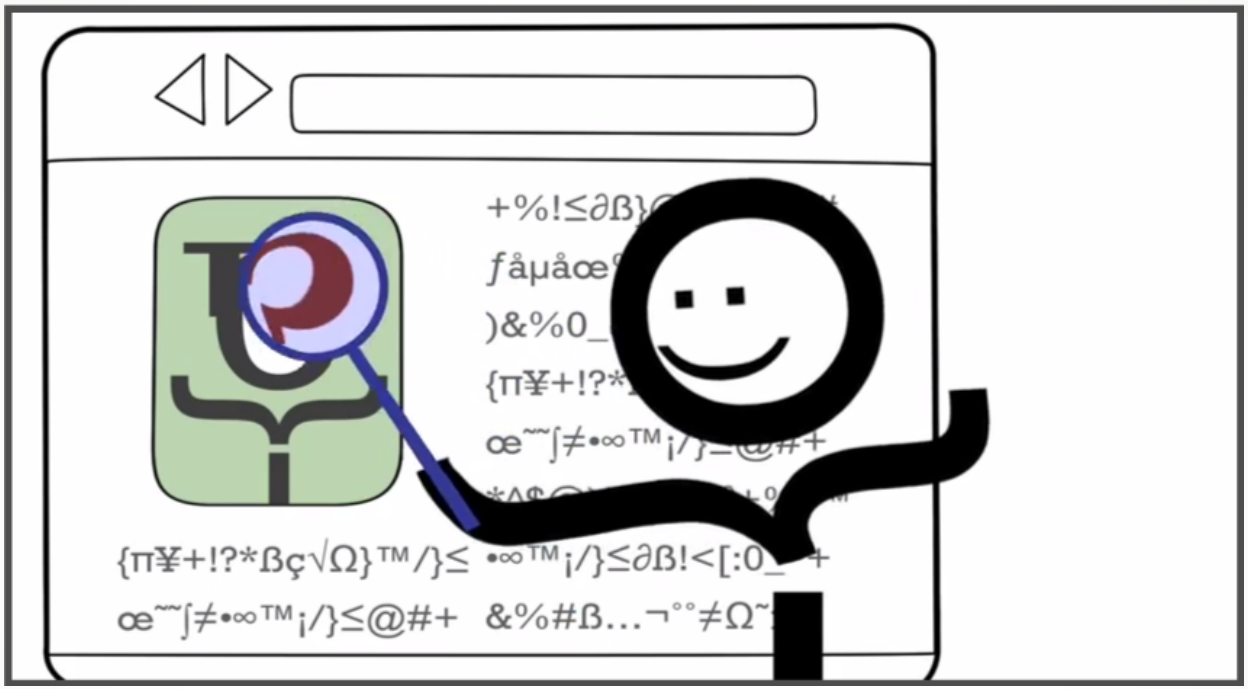

Detecting Lies and Staying True

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RULE OF THUMB:

Don't believe everything on the internet. Always cross-check facts!

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and the Case of Antique Chairs

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URL ANALYSIS

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"What are the native plants in Singapore?"

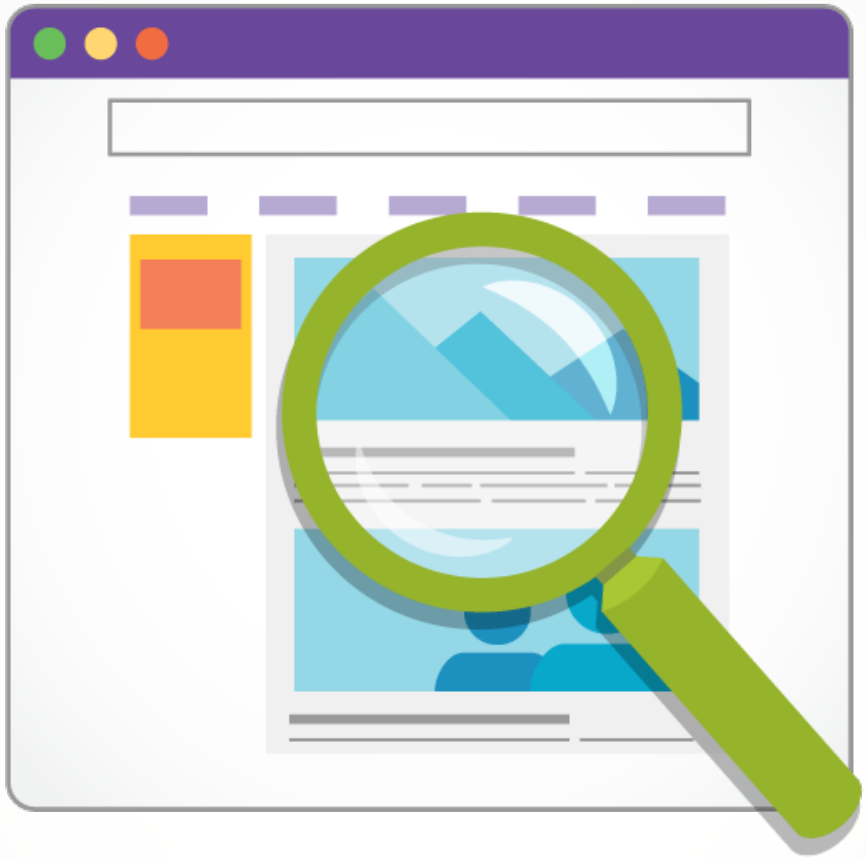
Consider the following sources:

- Flora Singapura (commercial)
- Nparks (government)
- National University of Singapore (educational)

Other Links:

- 'Helping native plants bloom' Wild Singapore
- Biodiversity Conservation in Singapore
- Ehow
- Garden Guides

URL ANALYSIS ACTIVITY



For this activity, you may refer back to the sources that were discussed in the previous session.

URL ANALYSIS ACTIVITY

You can also consider the following other sources:

- **NewspapersSG**
- **Archives Online Maps and Building Building Plans**
  Search for 'Singapore River'
- **National Heritage Board, 'Singapore River Trail'**
- **National Environment Agency, 'The Singapore River Story'**
- **PUB, 'The Singapore Water Story'**

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