Describing Locations (United States & Canada edition)

The location of cities can be described in terms of physical features especially intersections of two bodies of water. Use your atlas and other mapping resources to identify the following cities based on their location.

1.   Located on an island in the St. Lawrence River.
2.   City located at the upper limit of the James' River navigability (fall line).
3.   Located where the Niagara River flows into Lake Erie.
4.   Located where the Maumee River flows in Lake Erie.
5.   Located where the Mississippi River flows into the Gulf of Mexico.
6.   Located where the Chesapeake Bay flows into the Atlantic Ocean.
7.   Located where the Elizabeth River flows into James River and Hampton Roads.
8.   Located where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers meet to form the Ohio.
9.   Located where the Cuyahoga River flows into Lake Erie.
10. Located at the headwaters of the Mississippi River.

Describe the site of the following cities based on physical features.
- Sault Ste. Marie, Canada
- Chicago, Illinois
- Kansas City, Kansas
- Vancouver, British Columbia
- Portland, Oregon
- San Francisco, California
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Sioux City, Iowa

Confluence Sites

 On the map below circle all of the places where two rivers meet. Do you think a confluence site would be a good place to establish a city? Explain.