

# watershed

[ˈwɔːtəʃed] *n*

1. водораздел
2. 1) водосборная площадь  
2) бассейн (*реки*)
3. перелом; граница между двумя этапами, эпохами *и т. п.*

the treaty will be one of history's watersheds - этот договор открывает новую страницу истории

a watershed in the history of space - поворотный/переломный момент в истории космических исследований

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

▪ **I. water-shed** [watershed watersheds] *BrE* [ˈwɔːtəʃed] *NAmE* [ˈwɔːtərʃed]

*NAmE* [ˈwɔːtərʃed] **noun**

1. **countable** ~ (in sth) an event or a period of time that marks an important change
  - The middle decades of the 19th century marked a watershed in Russia's history.
2. **countable** a line of high land where streams on one side flow into one river, and streams on the other side flow into a different river
3. **the watershed singular** (in Britain) the time before which programmes that are not considered suitable for children may not be shown on television
  - the 9 o'clock watershed

### Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from ↑water + shed in the sense 'ridge of high ground' (related to the verb ↑shed), suggested by German *Wasserscheide*.

### Example Bank:

- The 19th century marked a watershed between the country's agricultural past and its industrial future.
- The completion of this project was a watershed event in the company's history.
- The granting of the vote represented a watershed for the rights of women.
- With the strike, a historical watershed in the development of the trade union movement was reached.
- a watershed moment in recent music history
- a watershed year for Japan
- The middle decades of the 19th century marked a watershed in Russia's history.

▪ **II. the watershed** [the watershed] *BrE* *NAmE* (also **the nine o'clock watershed**) **noun** [sing]  
 (in Britain) 9.00 p.m, the time before which the main television stations agree not to broadcast programmes that are not suitable for children, e.g. because they include too much sex, violence or bad language. If this rule is broken, complaints can be made to an official organization, ↑Ofcom.

See also: ↑nine o'clock watershed

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**wa ter ʃed** /ˈwɔːtəʃed/ *BrE* *AmE* **noun** [singular]

[Date: 1800-1900; Origin: water + shed 'line of high ground' (16-21 centuries) (from Old English *scead* 'separation'); suggested by German *wasserscheide*]

1. an event or time when important changes happen in history or in your life **SYN turning point**

**watershed in**  
 The 1932 election represented a watershed in American politics.

**watershed decision/case etc**  
 a watershed case on pension rights

2. **the (9 o'clock) watershed** *British English* the time in the evening after which television programmes that are not considered suitable for children may be shown in Britain

3. **technical** the high land separating two river systems

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