

## GLOSSARY

**Accessible:** Helps people come and go easily.

**Artifact:** An object made by people in the past that helps us to understand how they lived.

**Attraction:** A special place in a region that many people go to.

**Climate:** Describes what the weather is like in a region.

**Commuters:** People who use transportation to get to and from work.

**Crops:** Things grown on farms, like corn, wheat, and other vegetables.

**Culture:** A way of living that is defined by where you or your family comes from.

**Downtown:** A place in a region that usually has many buildings, cultural attractions, and places for people to work and have fun.

**Economy:** This is the way people make and spend money.

**Endangered species:** An animal that may not survive in the future because there are so few of them left in the world.

**Export:** This is when products are sent to other regions, or places in the world, to sell.

**Factory/factories:** Where products are made.

**Geography:** The study of places, or regions, in the world.

**Great Lakes:** The five Great Lakes are Huron, Michigan, Erie, Ontario, and Superior.

**Harbor:** A place where boats carrying products dock to load or unload.

**Human feature:** Something that is made by people.

**Industry:** A part of the economy that keeps track of products that are made and sold.

**Landform:** A natural feature of the environment that is special to a region, such as a mountain or waterfall.

**Location:** Describes where a place is in the world.

**Map:** Shows where places are located and may include details about a place, such as population, landforms, climate, and more.

**Mass transit:** Transportation that many people can use at one time, such as a bus or train.

**Metropolitan region:** This is an area that may include many different communities that are next to each other. There is usually a downtown, suburbs, and farms or woods/forests.

**Natural environment/natural resources:** Plants, trees, animals, lakes and rivers, waterfalls, and dunes are all things that are not made or changed by people. A natural resource may be something in the ground, such as iron ore, used to make products.

**Natural feature:** Things found in nature that are not changed by people.

**Open spaces:** A place in a region that does not have buildings.

**Peninsula:** A body of land that is surrounded on three sides by water. Michigan has an upper and lower peninsula.

**Population:** The number of people living in a region or area.

**Port:** A major waterfront location where large ships carrying products come to dock to load or unload.

**Product/producer:** An item that is made by people that is sold; a producer is a person who makes the product.

**Shipping:** A form of transportation that is a major source for moving products from one place to another.

**Shore:** This is where water meets land.

**Suburb:** An area in a region where there are mostly houses and neighborhoods.

**Transport/transportation:** The way people or products are moved from one place to another.

**Wildlife refuge:** A natural place that is protected by people where animals can live.