

# 5 Regions

*of the United States*

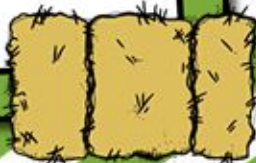


# The Midwest

The Midwest region contains twelve states.

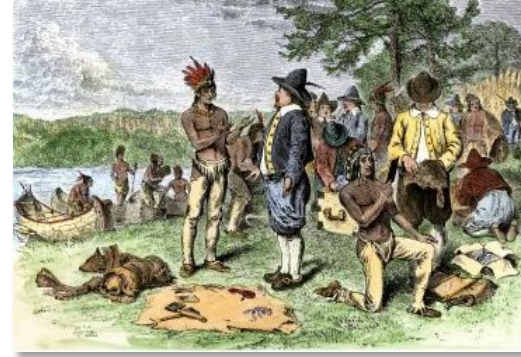


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| 1. North Dakota | 7. Missouri  |
| 2. South Dakota | 8. Wisconsin |
| 3. Nebraska     | 9. Illinois  |
| 4. Kansas       | 10. Michigan |
| 5. Minnesota    | 11. Indiana  |
| 6. Iowa         | 12. Ohio     |



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## The History



- Native American people had been living on the land that became known as the Midwest for many years before Europeans arrived.
- French explorers arrived to set up fur trading posts.
- Spanish explorers searched the land for gold and other riches.
- Eventually the native people living there were pushed out by the westward expansion of the settlers.

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## The Land

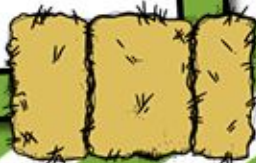


 The Midwest has three types of physical geography.

- Flat plains
- Rolling hills
- Mountains (a small percent)

 Farming is a major part of land usage in the Midwest.

- In the “Great Plains” states, on the west side of this region, many types of wheat are grown.
- In the states located around the Great Lakes, many different kinds of crops can be grown in the soil.



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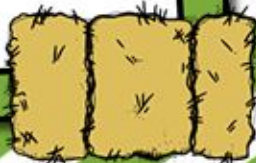
## Production



 Major industries include:

- Farming
- Mining
- Shipping
- Timber
- Manufacturing

□ The auto industry has a long history of manufacturing in the Midwest. Detroit is nicknamed the “Motor City”.



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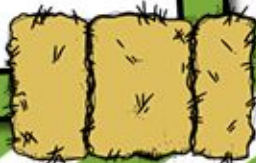
## Natural Resources



 Natural resources are materials that are found in the environment.

 Natural resources found in the Midwest include:

- **Coal** mined from the ground
- **Oil** pumped from the ground
- **Gold** (In the Black Hills Mountains)
- **Forests** (that provide timber )
- **Wind** (turbines create energy)



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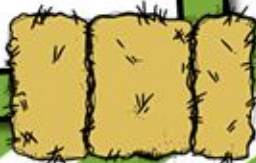
## Climate



 The climate in the Midwest has four distinct weather seasons.

- **Winter** is cold with lots of snow.
- **Spring** brings rain.
- **Summer** is warm and humid.
- **Fall (autumn)** cools down with changing colors on leaves.

 Many of the states in the Midwest are part of “Tornado Alley”. That is an area that gets many tornadoes every year.



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## Landmarks

 Landmarks are important places.

- They can be man-made things such as a monument.
- They can be historical locations.
- They can also be things created by nature that are unique in some way.

 There are many important landmarks found in the Midwest. Some examples include:

