MICHIGAN HISTORY
Points to Remember

Unusual State
- Made up of two peninsulas divided by water
- Center of the Great Lakes, which hold 1/5 of the world’s fresh water supply
- Longest coastline of any state except Alaska – 3,000 miles

Name
- Comes from Native-American words for great or big lake
  * “mishi” = great quantity + “gami” = lake
- “Michigan” was officially used in 1805

Michigan’s first people
- 3 main tribes
  * Ojibwa – also called Chippewa (CHIP eh wah) or Ojibway (O JIB way)
  * Ottawa (OT ah wa)
  * Potawatomi (POT a WAT o me)
- Smaller tribes living in Michigan
  * Menominee (meh NOM eh nee)
  * Huron (HYOUR on) – also called Wyandotte (Wy n dot)
  * Miami (my AM ee)

Michigan people
- Mixture of over 20 ethnic groups
  * has more ethnic groups than almost any other state
  * largest = German 22%
  * second largest = English 20%
  * third largest = African 13%
- 8th largest state in population (9,200,000)
- located halfway between the North Pole and the Equator
- 43% of Michigan’s population live in 3 counties: Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb