

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