

THIRD GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES VOCABULARY

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A collaboration of Social Studies curriculum specialists from around Michigan have developed an aligned curriculum for the content expectations approved in December 2007. The following list includes all vocabulary listed in that curriculum. Note that words are repeated and that there are too many words. It is a starting point for determining 30 key words per year to use in building background knowledge activities.

3rd Grade: Michigan Studies

Unit 1: The Geography of Michigan

geography	location	region
Great Lakes	movement	state
human/environment	natural resources	
interaction	place	

Unit 2: The Economy of Michigan

choice	interdependence	scarcity
economic activities	location	specialization
economic development	natural, human and capital	trade
economics	resources (productive	
entrepreneurship	resources)	
incentives	role of government	

Unit 3: The Early History of Michigan

cause and effect	human/environment	settlement
chronology	interaction	statehood
culture	primary and secondary	
exploration	sources	

Unit 4: The Growth of Michigan

agriculture and	entrepreneur	natural resources
manufacturing	human/environment	population
automobile industry	interaction	push/pull factors
economic trends	human migration	

Unit 5: The Government of Michigan

constitution	levels of government	responsibilities of citizenship
government	limited government	rights of citizens
legislative, executive and	public issues	
judicial branches	representative government	

Unit 6: Public Issues Facing Michigan Citizens

core democratic values	public issue	
informed decision	responsibilities of citizenship	
point of view		