

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

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

Unit 2: The Economy of Michigan

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| 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

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

Unit 4: The Growth of Michigan

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| 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

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| 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

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