



# Family Newsletter for Unit 1

## The Land and the People

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about Michigan's land and water features and how these features have changed over time
- about the earliest people to inhabit Michigan and how they lived

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

### Talk About It

Chapter 1: Michigan's Land and Early People

**A varied land** Talk with your child about features of Michigan's land and water, such as its forests, lakes, and mountains. Discuss ways in which these features might have influenced the lifestyles of Michigan's early inhabitants and how they influence life there today.

Chapter 2: The Anishinabeg and the Huron

**Hunters, farmers, and traders** Early American Indians in Michigan hunted and farmed. Many of them engaged in trade with groups outside their own. Discuss how these practices continue in Michigan today.

### Make It

**A travel brochure** Visitors and Michigan residents alike have fun in the state's different regions. Michigan has waterfalls, forests, mountains, and lakes. Working together, design a travel brochure that highlights Michigan's attractions.

### Read to Learn More About It

*Great Lakes (Rookie Read-About Geography)*, by Kimberly Valzania. Introduces young readers to the Great Lakes and tells how they were created.

*North American Indians*, by Douglas Gorsline. Gives students important information and detailed pictures of different American Indian groups in North America.



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