SOCIAL STUDIES at Home

Family Newsletter for Unit 2

Exploration and Settlement

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about early French exploration of Michigan and how the fur trade helped shape French settlement
- how conflicts among American Indians, the French, the colonists, and the British affected Michigan

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

Read to Learn More About It

The Travels of Samuel de Champlain (Explorers and Exploration), by Joanne Mattern, Patrick O'Brien. An illustrated text about the exploration and adventures of Samuel de Champlain.

Struggle for a Continent: The French and Indian Wars 1689-1763 (The American Story), by Betsy Maestro, Giulio Maestro. Tells the story about how the British and French fought over North America for over 70 years.

Talk About It

Chapter 3: Exploring Michigan

Early European exploration People today often travel to Michigan for vacation or business. Discuss how these reasons are different from why the early Europeans explored and colonized Michigan.

Chapter 4: The Road to Independence

Wars and revolution Different American Indian groups formed alliances with the French and English. Discuss how these alliances and Europe's attempts to control America led to the American Revolution.

Make It

A newsletter Discuss the advantages of the area of Michigan in which you live. Ask your child to write a short newsletter highlighting what your family likes about living there.

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