



Family Newsletter for Unit 4

The Growth of Modern Michigan

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- about changes in Michigan's population, industry, and society from the late 1800s to the present
- how Michigan's government functions and its relationship to the federal government

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

Read to Learn More About It

Rosie the Riveter: Woman Working on the Home Front in World War II, by Penny Colman. Tells how over 18 million women served in the labor force during World War II and gives first-hand accounts.

Michigan (States), by David Aretha. Examines Michigan as a state and gives students an overview of state government.

Talk About It

Chapter 7: Michigan Moves Forward

Turbulent times Two World Wars and the Great Depression proved to be huge challenges to Michigan and the United States. Discuss how Michigan's economy was affected by the 1929 stock market crash, the New Deal, and World War II.

Chapter 8: Government in Michigan

Citizens and democracy Michigan's government and that of the United States are representative democracies. Discuss ways in which Michigan citizens have both the right and the responsibility to participate in state and federal government.

Make It

A timeline Work with your child to create a timeline showing important advances in the individual rights of Michigianians. The timeline should include suffrage for Michigan women, the right to join labor unions, and significant events in the civil rights movement.



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