**Unit 3: The History of Michigan Study Guide**

**~ The Timeline for Michigan History is: Exploration – Settlement – Statehood~**

**Read.**

1. What would a historian use as a primary source? Picture, diary entry, letter, map
2. What would a historian use as a secondary source? Text book
3. What were the main reasons French explorers came to the Great Lakes region? They wanted silk and spices from China.

~ Around 1500, (400 years ago) the French began exploring the Great Lakes region and they found beavers. The fur trade began between them and the American Indians.

~ The French and American Indians were peaceful with each other.

~ The French wanted beaver furs for their beaver hats and the Native Americans wanted French goods.

\*There was a lot of fighting between the British and American Indians.

~The man-made waterway called The Erie Canal, completed in 1825, was built to connect the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Erie Canal is built - More people came to Michigan - Michigan becomes a state

Michigan received the Upper Peninsula in exchange for losing the Toledo Strip to Ohio.

1. What is one reason to read traditional American Indian stories? To learn about their beliefs.
2. How did the Three Fires use or changed their environment? Rivers and lakes were used for travel; houses were made from tree bark and land was cleared to plant crops.

**Constructed Response**

Compare and contrast two ways Native Americans and early pioneers used or changed the land for food. Write your answer below.

Compare and contrast two ways Native Americans and early pioneers used or changed the land for shelter. Write your answer below.