

Unit 3 – History of Michigan Study Guide

Tuesday, January 26th

(This test will be a cumulative test of everything we have learned about the history of Michigan.)

Students should remember the following items:

*A historian is a person who studies events from the past and provides answers to who was involved and when things happened.

*A primary source is a record made by people who saw or took place in an event (photograph, diary, newspaper article, original letter, etc.).

*A secondary source is a record written by someone who was not there at the time (textbooks).

*The Hopewell Indians were “mound builders” who built mounds to bury their dead.

*Artifacts are things from the past that are left for us to study. Native Americans left behind arrowheads, animal teeth, and broken pottery as examples of artifacts.

*The tribes of the Three Fires were the Ojibwa, Potawatomi, and Odawa.

*Around 1500, the French began looking for silks and spices from China but found the Great Lakes instead. They started exploring the Great Lakes region and found beavers to begin a fur trade.

*The French wanted to trade with American Indians for beaver furs because there was a scarcity of beavers in France and people there wanted beaver hats.

*The fur trade between the French and the American Indians began about 400 years ago because the American Indians wanted French goods and the French wanted beaver furs.

*French missionaries traveled to the Great Lakes region to teach their religion to people.

*The British heard about the beaver trade and wanted to take it over. They had a war with France and the British won the war.

*Pioneers started traveling to the Michigan Territory by covered wagon. Some of their challenges were that they had to travel across muddy land, they often got lost, they got sick along the way, and they had to clear land and build their own log cabin.

*In the early 1800's about 5,000 people lived in the Michigan Territory. Michigan needed a population of at least 60,000 people to become a state.

*Lewis Cass was appointed as the first governor of the Michigan Territory.

*Steamboats made it easier and safer for people to travel to the Michigan Territory.