

MIDDLE WESTERN REGION OF THE USA

The Middle Western Region of the United States of America

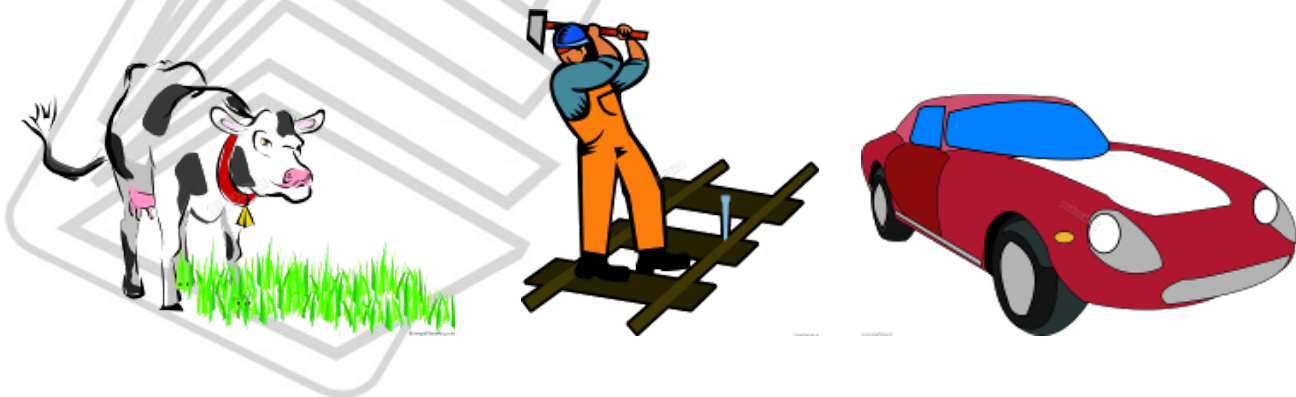
The twelve states in the Middle Western Region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. This region, often called "the heartland," is located in the center of the United States. It is known for its level land and fertile soil that produce wheat, corn, and oats. The Plains States that produce wheat are nicknamed "**The Breadbasket of the United States.**"



Here are some interesting facts about this region:

Major Cities: Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Detroit, and Indianapolis

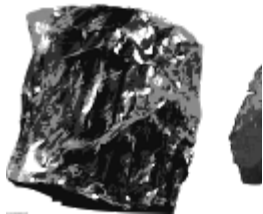
Economy: agriculture, transportation, dairy farming, steel industry, and the automotive industry



Geographic Features: Great Lakes, Ohio River, Missouri River, Mississippi River, Platte River, and the Badlands



Resources: coal, iron ore, limestone, fresh water, and fertile soil



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Landmarks: Sears Tower, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Gateway Arch, Black Hills National Forest, and Mt. Rushmore



Other Interesting Information:

- Kansas is nicknamed the "**Sunflower State.**"



- The country north of the Middle Western Region is **Canada.**



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- Rapidly moving **prairie winds** are common in this region.
- The man known as **Abraham Lincoln** was born in this region. The **Civil War** was fought in this region.



- Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote books for children about the lives of the **pioneers** in this region. The first of the series was entitled: ***Little House on the Prairie.***

