

Social Studies

Chapter 8

- 1) The melting glaciers of the Ice Age created the Great Lakes.
- 2) A canal is a waterway dug across land for ships to go through.
- 3) The St. Lawrence Seaway and River connects the Great Lakes to Atlantic Ocean.
- 4) Engineers changed the flow of the Chicago River to connect Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River.
- 5) A barge is a flat-bottomed boat.
- 6) Shipping goods by barge costs less than other methods.
- 7) Millions of years ago, the badlands had rivers flowing through a lush, green plain.
- 8) Mountain ranges rose and blocked rain that once fell on the badlands causing the climate to become cooler and less humid.
- 9) Erosion is the process by which water and wind wear away rock.
- 10) Grasses, sheep, and cattle might be found on a prairie.
- 11) The Midwest is an important agricultural region because the growing season is long, summers are warm, and the soil is deep and rich.
- 12) The Central Plains area is also known as the Corn Belt because corn grows very well there.
- 13) Main crops of the Midwest are corn, soybeans, and wheat.
- 14) Irrigation allows farmers to bring water from rivers underground to spray over their crops.
- 15) Milk and dairy products are important to Wisconsin.