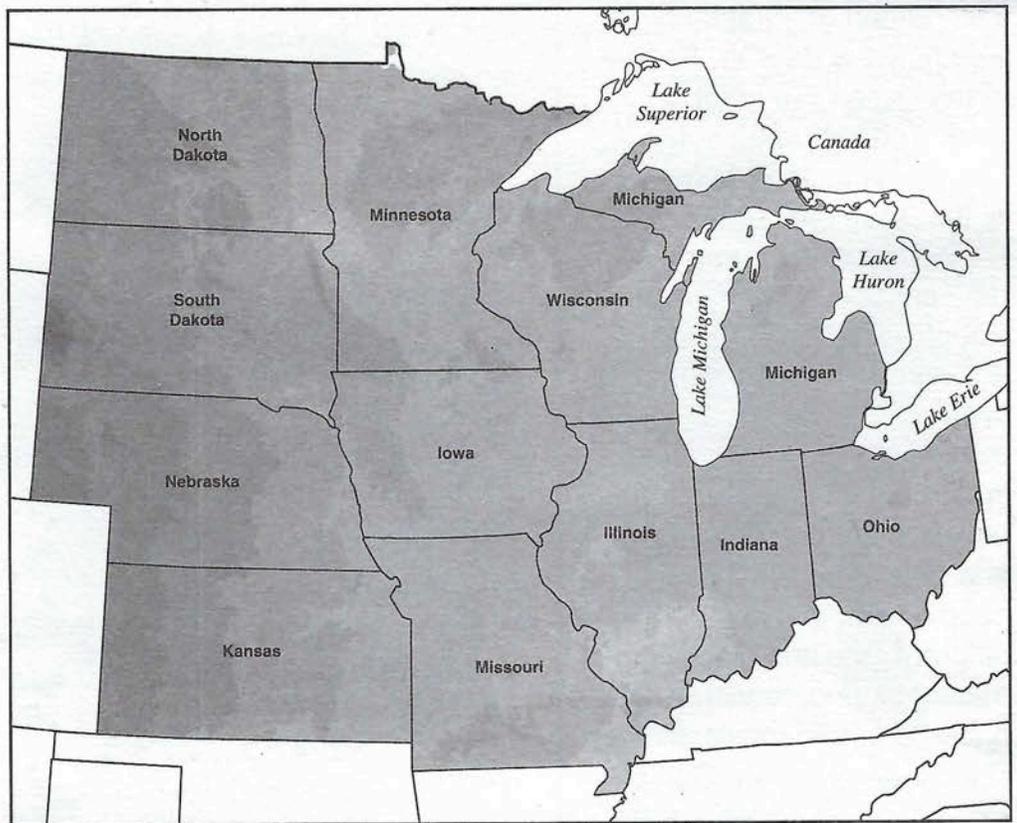


The Midwest region borders the Mid-Atlantic, West, Southeast, and Southwest regions. The region also borders the country of Canada and the Great Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie. There are twelve states in this study of the Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The population density of the Midwest varies. In major cities, such as Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, thousands of people live per square mile. Yet many parts of the Midwest are rural with very few people per square mile.



The Midwest has warm summers with much rainfall and very cold winters with large snowstorms called blizzards. Sometimes there is too much precipitation, and the states have severe floods. In the spring and fall, tornadoes are possible. The Midwest has three types of physical geography. There are flat plains, rolling hills, and mountains. Four of the Great Lakes border the Midwest: Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie.

1. What are two cities in the Midwest have dense population?

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2. Describe the climate of the Midwest.

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3. What are the names of the Great Lakes in the Midwest?

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4. Name two types of physical geography in the Midwest.

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