

Where is Michigan?

Name & Number: _____

Knowing where a place is located allows us to answer other important questions:

How close are places to where we live?

How is a place connected to other places?

We will use several maps of the United States to show where the state of Michigan is located.

On the following map, the United States are yellow. There are many pieces (states) that make up the United States. Michigan is highlighted in red to make it stand out. Notice that Michigan is part of the United States and not part of Canada (to the north) or Mexico (to the south). Use a green marker to trace the border between the U.S. and Canada and the border between the U.S. and Mexico.



You can describe where Michigan is located by naming the states that share borders with us. A **border** is the place where one area ends and another one begins. Keep in mind that borders that are straight are man-made on a map and borders that are not, are separated by natural features. Do a little investigating, by using other sources, to explore the Michigan borders pointed out by the arrows added to the map.



This map shows a region of the United States. Use this map to answer the questions that follow...

What two states border Michigan's lower peninsula? Trace their borders in red.

What state borders Michigan's upper peninsula? Trace its border in blue.

How many total states border each of the Great Lakes?

Superior? _____ Michigan? _____ Huron? _____ Erie? _____ Ontario? _____

How many Great Lakes do we share with Canada? _____

You now have several ways to answer the question: Where is Michigan? Find the one false statement below and be able to explain why it is false.....

_____ Michigan borders four Great Lakes.

_____ Michigan is part of the United States.

_____ Michigan is in the northern part of the United States.

_____ Michigan borders the land of three other states.

_____ Michigan is the only state where you can travel **south** to get to Canada.

_____ Michigan shares three of the Great Lakes with Canada.

_____ Both of Michigan's peninsulas each border three of the Great Lakes.