

# Chapter 8: Midwest Region Notes



## 8.1 – Introduction

1. Why do we call the Midwest “America’s Breadbasket”?

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2. Why do we call the Midwest “America’s Heartland”?

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## 8.2 – St. Louis, Missouri: Gateway to the West

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- St. Louis began as a \_\_\_\_\_ town.
- \_\_\_\_\_ were the first people to settle the West. They started their journey by heading west from St. Louis.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most famous arches in the world.

## 8.3 – The Farm State of Iowa

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- Iowa is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ state.
- Iowa has so much \_\_\_\_\_ soil that farms cover almost all the state.
- Before there were \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa farmers used the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to send their \_\_\_\_\_ to market.
- Today, Iowa farms produce huge crops of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Much of this harvest is fed to livestock.

## 8.4 – Dodge City, Kansas: Where the Cattle Once Roamed

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- Dodge City, Kansas is a land of flat \_\_\_\_\_ that has been famous for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kansas produces more \_\_\_\_\_ than any other state.
- Cattle are mostly raised on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Dodge City is home to one of the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ plants in the country.

## 8.5 – South Dakota’s Heroes

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- Two huge monuments are carved into the \_\_\_\_\_ of South Dakota.
- The first monument is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The second monument honors an American Indian named Crazy \_\_\_\_\_, who was \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sioux tribe.
- Like many American Indian tribes, the Sioux were pushed by white settlers onto \_\_\_\_\_, or special areas set aside for American Indian tribes to live.

## 8.6 – Michigan’s Soo Locks: Linking the Great Lakes

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ are the two longest locks in the world.
- Soo Locks can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ships that are up to 1,000 feet in length.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ are part of a water highway that stretches from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.

## 8.7 – Detroit, Michigan: America’s Motor City

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- In 1896, a Michigan farm boy named \_\_\_\_\_ built his first car.
- At this time, people saw cars as toys for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Henry Ford started a \_\_\_\_\_ factory in \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan.
- Ford installed a moving \_\_\_\_\_.
- The time needed to assemble a car dropped from \_\_\_\_\_ hours to just \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

- Ford's success brought other carmakers to Detroit and it became known as "\_\_\_\_\_".
- Midwest industries continue to look for better ways to manufacture \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are computer controlled mechanical devices to speed up assembly lines.

## 8.8 – O'Hare International Airport: The Midwest's Transportation Hub

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport is one of the busiest airports in the United States.
  - Hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ of thousands of people pass through O'Hare each day. That adds up to \_\_\_\_\_ of airplane \_\_\_\_\_ a year.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ has always been a \_\_\_\_\_-hub, or a center for moving goods and people.
  - In the 1800s, it started with \_\_\_\_\_ tracks that ran out from Chicago and across the Midwest.
  - Today, there are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, rivers, and lakes that move more people and goods into and out of Chicago than they do in any other American city.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is important to the economy of the Midwest.

## 8.9 – Chicago’s Wrigley Field

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- Wrigley field is home of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Wrigley field is the \_\_\_\_\_ oldest baseball park in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A lot of \_\_\_\_\_ events happened here. The most famous one may be \_\_\_\_\_'s “called shot”.

## 8.10 – Minnesota’s Mall of America

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- The Mall of \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest \_\_\_\_\_ mall in the United States America.
- In the winter, storms called \_\_\_\_\_ bring heavy snow and \_\_\_\_\_ winds.
- Spring brings \_\_\_\_\_ that drop hailstones, or lumps of ice.
- Spring is also when \_\_\_\_\_ season begins.
- The mall has more than \_\_\_\_\_ stores.
- The mall has \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants, \_\_\_\_\_ movie theaters, and an \_\_\_\_\_ park.