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."

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

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

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Other Interesting Information:

- Kansas is nicknamed the "Sunflower State."
- The country north of the Middle Western Region is Canada.
- Rapidly moving and destructive windstorms known as tornados are common in this region.
- The man born in Kentucky who was President during the Civil War was Abraham Lincoln.
- 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.