

## GREAT LAKES - TEST

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1. Where are the Great Lakes located? **on the border between the USA and Canada**
2. Which of the lakes is entirely in the United States? **Lake Michigan**
3. When did the St. Lawrence Seaway open up to transportation? **1959**
4. What does the seaway make possible? **for ocean ships to travel as far inland as Chicago**
5. Why are there locks between the lakes? **the lakes are at different sea levels**
6. Between which two lakes do the Niagara Falls lie? **Lake Ontario and Lake Erie**
7. What is transportation like in the winter months? **lakes are frozen; icebreakers keep shipping lanes open**
8. When was the basin of the Great Lakes formed? **2 billion years ago**
9. When and how was the area filled with water? **about 20,000 years ago after the last Ice Age**
10. What has happened to water levels in recent years? **they have gone down due to global warming**
11. Name a few major cities in the area? **Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Cleveland, Toronto**
12. Why are is the Great Lakes region economically important? **raw materials and industrial goods can be exported to other countries; farmers export their products via Great Lakes harbours**
13. How do farmers in the American Midwest profit from transportation on the Great Lakes? **low transport costs make their products competitive**
14. Why is sailing a popular sport on the Great Lakes? **steady winds**
15. When did the first settlers reach the area? What kind of people were they? **about 300 years ago as fur traders**
16. What has happened to the water quality in the lakes in the last century? **it has become worse due to pollution**