

## THE GREAT LAKES – WORD LIST

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- **advance** = to move forward
- **basin** = where the surface is lower than the area around it
- **billion** = a thousand million
- **border** = line between two countries
- **cargo vessel** = a ship that carries goods
- **coast** = where land and sea meet
- **compete** = fight
- **completely** = wholly, entirely
- **connect** = link
- **consist of** = to be made up of
- **contribute** = add, give, be a part of
- **crop** = plant, such as wheat or rice that is grown by farmers and used as food
- **depression** = lower area of land
- **deteriorate** = become worse
- **development** = growth
- **dig out** = carve out of the earth
- **drop** = distance from somewhere higher up to the ground
- **due to** = because of
- **elevation** = height
- **escape** = get away from
- **flock** = come in big numbers
- **flow** = pour into
- **freighter** = ship that transports goods
- **freshwater** = water that has no salt in it, not ocean water
- **fur trader** = person in the early history of North America who hunted animals and sold their skin
- **glacier** = large mass of ice that covers land or moves down a valley
- **global warming** = situation in which the temperature of the atmosphere is increasing
- **harbour** = place where ships load and unload goods
- **icebreaker** = a ship that breaks the ice in order for other ships to pass
- **iron ore** = rock which iron has iron in it
- **lane** = passage
- **largely** = mostly
- **lock** = part of a canal or river that is closed off by gates so that the water level can be raised or lowered for ships to pass through
- **make business** = buy and sell goods
- **melting water** = here: water that came from a glacier after the Ice Age
- **mine** = to dig out of the earth
- **ore** = rock that has metal in it
- **pollution** = when water or air gets dirtier
- **prevail** = here: blow all the time
- **raise** = improve
- **raw material** = natural resources that a country needs, like minerals or oil
- **recently** = a short time ago
- **repeatedly** = over and over again
- **resident** = a person who lives in a place
- **retreat** = to move backward
- **rival** = here: company that is in the same business and also wants to sell its products
- **sea level** = the average height of the sea, used to measure mountains and other places
- **settler** = a person who goes to a place where not many people have gone to before, in order to live there
- **shore** = where land meets water
- **source of income** = here: earning money from a job
- **throughout** = in all of
- **widespread** = very popular
- **withdrawal** = when something moves back