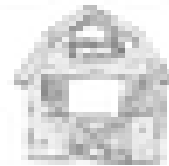


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# The Midwest Region

The **Midwest Region** is located in the middle of the United States. This region is made up of twelve states including North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Landforms that can be found in this region are the Great Plains, The Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, and the Great Lakes. Forests and rolling hills can also be spotted in this region. The wide open spaces and water resources make the Midwest a prime location for farming. Crops such as corn and soybeans are commonly grown, and there are also a large number of dairy farms. The heart of the auto industry can be found in Michigan, which provides many jobs for working Americans. The people who live in the Midwest have the pleasure of experiencing all seasons in their climate. Snowfalls are common in the winter, while high high temperatures are common during the summer.

Use the table below to guide your reading of the passage. For each attempt, give yourself time for one minute as you read about. Then record how many words you have read using the numbers at the end of each line. Try to increase your reading pace with each attempt!

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