Activity
Identify the movement of Indigenous People during the time of Western European Expansion.

Michigan Content Expectations
6.1.4 Growth and Change – explain the social, political, economic, and cultural shifts taking place in the United States at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century…
8 – U4.2.3 Westward Expansion – analyze the annexation of the west through the Louisiana Purchase, the removal of Indigenous Peoples from their native lands, the Mexican-American War, the growth of a system of commercial agriculture, and the idea of Manifest Destiny. Examples may include but are not limited to: the Trail of Tears, the 19th century removal of Anishnaabek communities in Michigan, the Treaty of Chicago (1833), the Treaty of Fort Wayne (1809).

Learning Outcomes
• Students will be able to:
  o identify the lands and locations of Native American Populations.
  o use maps and data to explore westward expansion of the United States.
  o describe the current populations of Native Americans in Michigan in 2019.

Map URL: https://arcg.is/1HGi59

Ask
How much land did Native Americans occupy in Michigan in the 19th Century?
→ click the URL to launch the map
? How much of Michigan was Native American Land in 1800? (most of the state)
→ Click off the Native American Land 1800 and click on the Native American Land 1820 layer.
? How much of Michigan was Native Land in 1820, compared to 1800? (about half, mostly on western side of state and the UP)
→ Click off the Native Land 1820 Layer and click on the Native Land 1850 layer.
? How much of Michigan was Native Land in 1850, compared to 1800 and 1820? (significantly less, with some land left in the upper lower and upper peninsulas)

Acquire
Why did Native American land decrease in the 19th Century?
→ Click on the Erie Canal layer and the Getting to the Erie Canal Layer. The Erie Canal was completed in 1825, this created an easier water route for travelers headed west.
? Where did the people who were using the Erie Canal come from to get to Michigan (New York and New England)
? How did travelers get to Michigan? (through the canal and into Lake Erie and then to Detroit)
? Who and why were they moving to the west? (European settlers from New York and New England, looking for more fertile soil and available space to farm)

Explore
What role did the U.S. Government play in the reduction of Native American lands in the 19th century?
→ Click off the Erie Canal layers and click on the Indian Removal-Land Cessions and Reservations layer (time enabled)
Press the play icon at the bottom of the map. This layer shows change over time as land cessions occurred due to treaties.
Explore continued

? What specific treaties affected Native Americans in Michigan? (beginning in 1807, several treaties/land cessions impacted Michigan Native people, including the Treaty of Chicago, Fort Wayne, Washington, LaPointe and Detroit)

Analyze

Where did Native Americans who once lived in Michigan Go?

→ Click off the Indian Removal-Land Cessions and Reservations layer and click on the Native American Tribal Homelands-1850 layer.

? Where are most Native Americans located by the 1850’s? (west of the Mississippi, as this was part of the push to move Native Americans out of the Great Lakes Region in the 1830’s)

Act

Where do Native Americans in Michigan Live today?

→ Click off the Indian Removal and Land Cessions and Reservations layer and click on the Michigan Native American Reservations 2015 layer.

? Where are the Native American Reservations in Michigan? (mostly in the center of the state and the UP)

→ Click off the Michigan Native American Reservations 2015 layer and click on the USA Census American Indian Population. Click on the map to view the pop ups for the counties in darker blue.

? What counties in Michigan have the highest percentage of Native American Population? (Chippewa, Baraga, Schoolcraft, Alger, Luce, Mackinac, Isabella, Leelanau)

Next Steps

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- Use analysis tools such as Find Nearest to calculate straight-line distance between your location and the great lakes.
- Create a story map of a bottle’s journey from your school to the ocean and what can happen along the way.

REFERENCES

• The Michigan Open Book Project - Michigan Studies – Chapter 1
• Michigan Studies by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill-Unit 1, chapter 1

This GIS map has been cross-referenced to material in sections of chapters from these texts: