

## Text Set to Accompany

# The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure

## Primary Sources & Research Materials

These texts tell readers more about the Great Lakes.



### [Great Lakes Commission: About the Lakes](#)

The Great Lakes Commission website includes short articles about each of the Great Lakes, as well as photographs sharing some of their special landmarks.

### [Great Lakes Now Virtual Field Trip Videos](#)

These virtual field trip videos from PBS Learning Media include an exploration of coastal wetlands, an explanation of algal blooms, and a video all about lake sturgeon. Though the videos are targeted for 6th-8th grades, they can be used in 3rd grade and up.



### [Great Lakes Fishery Commission: Photo Collection](#)

This collection of photographs contains so much to explore. From photos of types of fish to documented research missions to fishery law enforcement, these photographs document the many ways in which humans and nature interact in the ecosystems of the Great Lakes. Selecting photos to share with students ahead of time is recommended.

## Content Connections

These texts explore topics such as land preservation, ecological diversity, and the interactions humans have with the Great Lakes.



### [Great Lakes Shoreline Erosion Handout](#)

Many students study erosion, as well as emergency management related to natural disasters and ecological change. Intermediate students can analyze this handout to learn more about how the government works to protect the Great Lakes and the people who call the region home.

### [NPR Photo Story: Great Lakes ice coverage declines as the climate warms](#)

This collection of photographs and stories from NPR explains how a warming climate is changing the makeup of the Great Lakes during the winter season.



### [Great Lakes in My World Creature Cards](#)

These Great Lakes in My World creature cards share more information about the plants, animals, and insects that call the Great Lakes home. One side of each card has an illustration of the creature, and the other includes facts about the "who," "what," and "where," plus interesting facts.

### [Michigan's Backyard Fossils Identification Guide](#)

This guide to the fossils that can be found in the Great Lakes region helps readers understand its past as a glacial landscape. There will be many connections to the Great Lakes origin story explained in *The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure*.

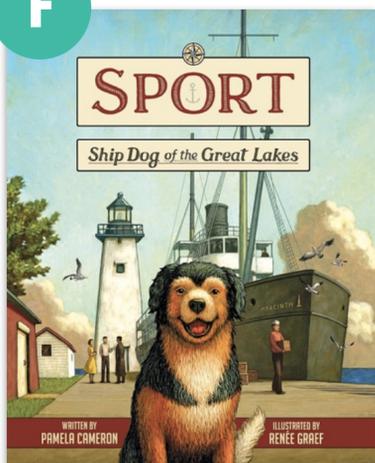


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**The Great Lakes:  
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**Texts to Pair with *The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure***

These fiction and nonfiction texts can be read alongside *The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure* for deeper exploration of the Great Lakes.

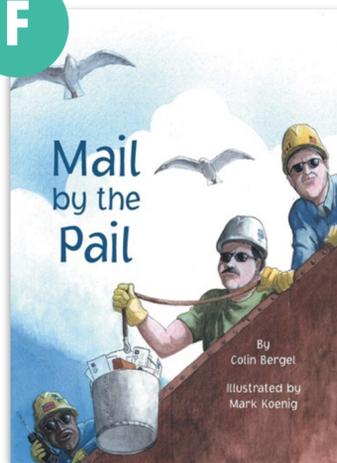
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*Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes*  
 By Pamela Cameron

This book is inspired by the life of Sport, a real pup who was rescued from the Milwaukee River in 1914 and went on to become a ship dog on the Great Lakes.

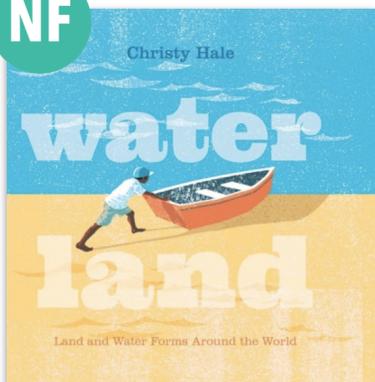
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*Mail by the Pail*  
 By Colin Bergel

This book shares information about the mail delivery system for Great Lakes freighters, through the eyes of a young girl whose father works on a Great Lakes ship.

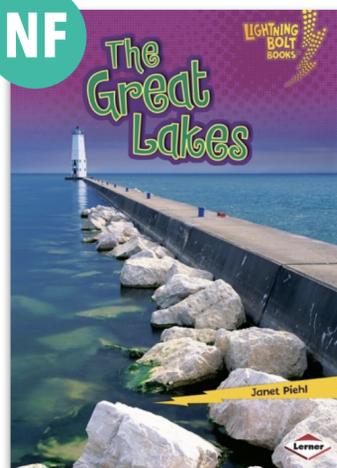
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*Water Land*  
 By Christy Hale

This book teaches readers vocabulary about the places where water and land meet. From lakes, to bays, to capes, to gulfs, to peninsulas, readers will learn the vocabulary they need to talk about land and water forms.

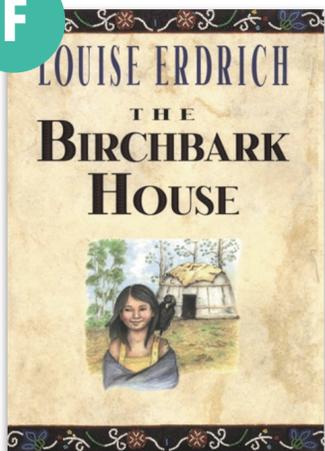
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*The Great Lakes*  
 By Janet Piehl

This book from the informational Famous Places series shares facts about the Great Lakes, their formation, and the problems they face. Photographs are included.

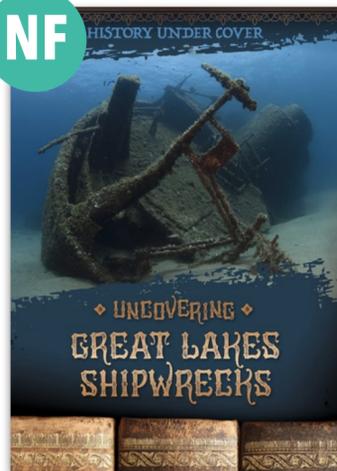
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*The Birchbark House*  
 By Louise Erdrich

The *Birchbark House* series follows the life of Omakayas and her Ojibwe community beginning in 1847. This historical fiction series takes place on Lake Superior.

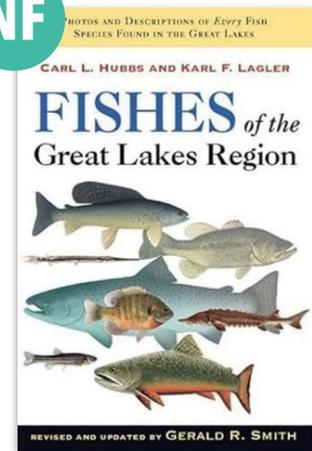
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*Uncovering Great Lakes Shipwrecks*  
 By Kathryn Wegate

Since ships have sailed the Great Lakes for centuries, there have been thousands of shipwrecks in their waters. This book details these fascinating stories for readers ages 9 and up.

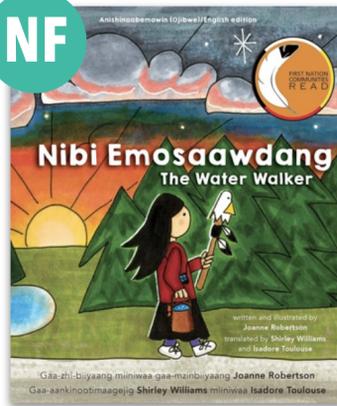
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*Fishes of the Great Lakes Region*  
 By Carl L. Hubbs

*Fishes of the Great Lakes Region* is an identification guide sharing the many species that can be found in the five Great Lakes.

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*Nibi Emosaawdang /  
 The Water Walker*  
 By Joanne Robertson

This dual language book in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and English tells of a grandmother who walks to protect the Great Lakes.

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