



MICHIGAN

The state takes its name from Lake Michigan. Michigan is a French derivative of the Ojibwa word *misshikama* (mish-ih-GAH-muh), which translates to "big lake," "large lake," or "large water."

1. [View the link that explains how each state got its name.](#)
2. Read some of the interesting ones. Which ones did you read?
3. Pretend you are naming the new country at the end of the American Revolution. Knowing what you know now, how would you name this country? Is there another name that is more appropriate? Does our name reflect all the groups in our country?