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Exploring the Marvelous Attractions of Michigan

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Michigan is called the "Great Lakes State" because it is bordered by four of the five Great Lakes, making it the only state to have such an extensive coastline along these massive bodies of water. The Great Lakes contribute to Michigan's appeal as a tourist destination by providing opportunities for various water activities, scenic beauty, and unique ecosystems. Visitors can enjoy swimming, boating, and exploring the beaches, as well as experiencing the breathtaking views and outdoor adventures offered by these immense lakes.
2. Answers may vary but could include: Exploring the University of Michigan campus to learn about the history and culture of the university, attending a performance at the Michigan Theater for entertainment, and visiting parks and nature areas to enjoy outdoor activities and the natural beauty of Ann Arbor.
3. Answers may vary. For example, one might choose Lake Superior for its crystal-clear waters and opportunities for hiking and water sports. Another might choose Lake Michigan for its stunning sand dunes and picturesque beaches, perfect for sunbathing and relaxation.
4. Advantages of not having cars on Mackinac Island include reduced pollution and noise, a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere, and safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists. Disadvantages could include limited transportation options for residents and visitors, which might make it less convenient to access certain areas of the island.

