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## Discovering the Geography of Illinois

### Short Answer Key

1. Lake Michigan is one of the Great Lakes that borders Illinois. It is significant for providing freshwater and supporting various recreational activities.
2. Visitors to the Shawnee National Forest can enjoy activities such as hiking, camping, and bird-watching while exploring its rugged terrain.
3. The Driftless Area was not glaciated during the last Ice Age, resulting in its unique topography of rugged hills and valleys.
4. Major rivers that flow through Illinois include the Mississippi River, the Illinois River, and the Wabash River. The Mississippi River, for example, historically served as a vital trade route.
5. The geography of Illinois, with its fertile prairies for agriculture and access to waterways for transportation, has shaped its economy. Additionally, its natural beauty and urban centers contribute to its cultural diversity.

