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Chapter 1 Getting Started

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

❶ How does a curator help us to understand history?

❷ How does a historian help us to understand history?

❸ What is historical fiction?

❹ What must all history detectives have to discover facts?

❺ What did you find most interesting in the story about Hauling Grain from Baraboo to Milwaukee?

❻ The writer in the last paragraph says, "Gee, what a contrast." What is he describing?



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Chapter 2 Turning Points in History

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 What is a turning point in history?

2 What was the Northwest Territory?

What did each treaty signed between the United States

3 Government and Indian nations have in common?

4 What was a land patent?

5 How did the Homestead Act of 1862 help to set up farms in Wisconsin?

6 What was a military script and who could receive one?



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Chapter 3 Growth of Farming

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 Why did Wisconsin miners turn to farming?

2 Why did so many farmers choose to grow wheat?

3 How did improvements in technology allow farmers to grow more wheat?

4 What three challenges were particularly difficult for wheat farmers to overcome?

5 Why could threshing be considered a community event?

6 How did steam power help farmers?



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Chapter 4 Building Dams and Mills

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 What is a mill?

2 How was water used to power mills?

3 How did the building of mills and dams help Wisconsin communities to grow?

4 Maple syrup, home made rugs, and home canning are examples of home industries. What is another example? Why is it a home industry?

5 How would you describe the making of maple syrup?

6 Why did it take more than one person to make maple syrup?



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Chapter 5 The Tale of Two Mills

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 How are the two mills described in Chapter 5 the same?

2 How are the two mills described in Chapter 5 different?

3 How would you describe the history of the La Valle Mill?

4 How would you describe the history of the Island Woolen Mill?

5 "The story of mills and dams is the story of amazing ingenuity and advances in technology." Do you agree? Why or why not?

6 Why was a flour mill important to growing Wisconsin communities?



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Chapter 6 The Restoration of the Beckman Mill

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 Why do you think the Beckman Mill changed ownership so many times before the Beckman Family purchased it?

2 How did volunteers help to save the Beckman Mill?

3 What three words would you use to describe the restoration of the Beckman Mill? Why?

4 Why was a fish ladder included in the design of the new Beckman Mill dam?

5 What do you think it means for a property to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places?

6 "It is important to preserve historical sites." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?



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Chapter 7 Hydroelectric Dams

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

① What is a hydroelectric dam?

② Why is hydroelectric power considered "renewable" energy?

③ What does the turbine do in a hydroelectric dam?

④ What does the generator do in an hydroelectric dam?

⑤ Where are hydroelectric dams built in Wisconsin? Why?

⑥ Why are hydroelectric dams important to many communities across Wisconsin?



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Chapter 8 Paper Mills

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 Where were paper mills built in Wisconsin in the 1800s? Why?

2 What effect did paper mills have on the growth of Wisconsin communities?

3 Why did the growth of paper mills spark the growth of the Wisconsin logging industry?

4 What caused the newsprint market in Wisconsin to change?

5 How is the closing of a paper mill a turning point in the life of a community?

6 If you were a city planner, how might you creatively reuse a closed paper mill in a way that would help the community?



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Chapter 9 Dam Removal

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

1 Why might a community decide to remove a dam?

2 Why might a community decide to keep an old dam even though the mill is gone or no longer in use?

3 What factors might a community consider when trying to decide whether or not to remove a dam?

4 What does "improve a river's ecosystem" mean?

5 Why do you think it took more than three years for the Baraboo River's ecosystem show improvement after the dams were removed?

6 How do recreational activities such as kayaking help spark new businesses in communities located along a river?
