



At Home in Michigan: Printing Instructions

1. Under print settings, select “print on both sides” and “flip pages on SHORT edge.”
2. Do not print this first page—select pages 2-7 only.
3. Use the page numbers on the upper lefthand and righthand sides to double-check that things are in order.
4. Fold the stack of pages in half to create the book.

People have lived in many different types of homes throughout history. Answer the questions in this guide to learn more about them. How have homes changed, and how have they stayed the same?



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At Home in Michigan *House Hunt*



Wigwam: Anishinaabeg Home

The Anishinaabeg lived in homes called wigwams. Some were small like the one in our exhibit, but some could fit ten or more people. Wigwams were easy to put together and take apart. This meant that families could move to different areas of the Great Lakes as the seasons changed.

Hint: Use the structure and the landscape mural next to the wigwam to answer these questions.

What is this house made of?

Where did people sleep here?

Where did they make food and eat?

What did they do for fun?

How is this home different from yours?

How is this home similar to yours?



1950s Home and Shelter

The 1950s introduced things we still see in our homes today. Families enjoyed new inventions like TVs and dishwashers. Meanwhile, some families worried about the Cold War. They had fallout shelters in their homes to stay safe from bombs.

Hint: View the kitchen, living room, and fallout shelter to answer these questions.

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Mansion: Lumber Baron's Home

Many company owners got rich during Michigan's lumber trade. They built large and fancy homes to show off their money.

Hint: Use the blueprint and explore the front porch, hallway, and parlor to answer these questions.

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Bungalow: 1930s and 40s Home

Michigan families faced hard times during the Great Depression and World War II. People made the best out of the things they had in small homes like this bungalow.

Hint: Explore this home and the World War II kitchen downstairs to answer the questions.

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1890s Home

In the late 1800s, workers started to get more money from the growth of industry. Many were able to build nicer homes. Homes were centered around family and each parent and child played a role.

Hint: Explore the different sections of this exhibit and read the diary entries to answer these questions.

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