

Deep Dive Into Shipwreck Stories

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LESSON SUMMARY

Complete a crossword puzzle and scavenger hunt to learn more about the Great Lakes from [Wisconsin Sea Grant](http://WisconsinSeaGrant.org) (WSG) Wisconsin Shipwrecks website. After, you will be asked to think about what we can learn from studying shipwrecks.

Are you up to the challenge?



PART 1 | TERMINOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE GREAT LAKES

Learn

To get started, visit the wisconsinshipwrecks.org website to learn terminology and geography about the Great Lakes. You will use this new knowledge to complete a crossword.

Start: wisconsinshipwrecks.org/HOME#anchor3

Step 1: Click on “learn.”

Step 2: From the “more resources” section, select “glossary.”

Crossword

Online: go.wisc.edu/h2q3x2

Print: go.wisc.edu/l9i9vn

PART 2 | A GREAT LAKES SCAVENGER HUNT

To complete the scavenger hunt, you will search through the wisconsinshipwrecks.org website armed with clues about specific shipwrecks. Use these clues to answer the questions below.

Start: wisconsinshipwrecks.org/shipwrecks and choose “advanced search.”

An important note: The date in parenthesis after the ship’s name on the website is the date the ship was first launched, NOT the date that it sank!

SHIPWRECK ONE CLUES

- This ship was launched in 1890 and sailed on Lake Superior.
- She was a steam screw that went down in 1905.
- The ship is now located at N 47° 00.470' N latitude and 090° 54.168' W longitude.
- She can be found in water on Sand Water Shoal.

What is the name of this ship? _____

In what depth of water could you find her? _____

How many lives were lost in the wreck? _____

How many people survived? _____

How many tons of iron ore did she have on board? _____

How many sailors made up her crew? _____

SHIPWRECK TWO CLUES

- She is a middle Lake Michigan shipwreck.
- Her name is made up of two words, and the first word of her name rhymes with Betty.
- She was a schooner.

Who is she? _____

What caused her to sink on her final voyage? _____

In what year was she wrecked? _____

In what depth of water can she be found? _____

SHIPWRECK THREE CLUES

- She is a steam screw and one of the largest wooden ships ever built.
- She was launched in 1896.
- Her final resting place is in lower Lake Michigan.

What is her name? _____

What was the cause of her wreck? _____

Where is her resting place today? _____

In what year did she sink? _____

SHIPWRECK FOUR CLUES

- She was a Lake Superior sailboat.
- She sank the same year she was built.

What is her name? _____

What year was she built and sunk? _____

What is unusual about her? _____

SHIPWRECK FIVE CLUES

- She is a steam screw that sank in middle Lake Michigan in 1847 only seven miles from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- She sank two years after she was launched.
- She had just two lifeboats. As a result, between 160 and 250 people died, including many children.

What is her name? _____

What six things made up her cargo? _____

Where did the passengers of the vessel come from? _____

SHIPWRECK SIX CLUES

- This “Christmas Tree Ship,” as she was known, was built in 1868 and sank in 1912, taking a crew of 16 with her.

What was the official name of the ship? _____

What is the depth of the water she lies in today? _____

What is the nearest city to the wreck? _____

Where did the ship depart from? _____

Who were the passengers on the ship? _____

SHIPWRECK SEVEN CLUES

- This steam screw was launched 33 years after Wisconsin became a state.
- Launched on Lake Michigan, her history is filled with terrible luck. Her owner died on the *Titanic* in 1912.
- She was renamed four times before returning to her original name.

What is the name of this infamous ship? _____

What was the name of this ship's running mate, which was unsuccessful in the rescue? _____

What were the four other names of this ship? _____

SHIPWRECK EIGHT CLUES

- This steamer was launched in 1883 on Lake Michigan.
- She met her fate traveling full speed into the fog and sank immediately.

What was the name of this daredevil vessel? _____

What was the name of the ship she took with her? _____

What consequences did the captain face? _____

What is one other interesting fact about this wreck? _____

SHIPWRECK NINE CLUES

- This schooner is believed to be Wisconsin's oldest shipwreck with ties to the fur trade.
- She lies fully intact 210 feet down on the bottom of Lake Michigan.
- Built in 1832, her original name was *Nancy Dousman*.

What is the name of this ship? _____

What was the value of the vessel? _____

When was this shipwreck discovered? _____

What are the names of two other shipwrecks located nearby? _____

SHIPWRECK TEN CLUES

- This steam screw was launched in 1867.
- She sank on Lake Superior in 1883 when she was bound for Ontonogan, Michigan, with 400 tons of cargo.

What is the name of this vessel? _____

How many lives were lost in the wreck? _____

What was rumored to be the noteworthy cargo mentioned in the "cargo description"? _____

SHIPWRECK ELEVEN CLUES

- This steam screw was launched in 1881 and originally named the *Republic*.
- She sank on Lake Superior off Michigan Island on October 15, 1903.

What was the name of this ship? _____

When were the remains of the ship recovered? _____

What was the value of the vessel and her cargo? _____

What was suspicious about the sinking of this vessel? _____

SHIPWRECK TWELVE CLUES

- This steam screw was built in 1854 and sunk in 1856.
- At 179 feet long, this ship transported immigrants to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

What was the name of the vessel? _____

How many lives were saved? _____

How far was the ship from the pier when it became apparent that she would be unable to dock? _____

What happened when the crew tried to anchor the boat? _____

SHIPWRECK THIRTEEN CLUES

- This schooner was launched in 1858 on Lake Michigan and left Chicago with eight tons of pig iron for ballast.

What was the name of this doomed ship? _____

How many lives were lost during the wreck? _____

When did the ship sink? _____

How many wrecks was this ship involved in? _____

PART 3 | ATTRACTIONS OF THE GREAT LAKES

Use wisconsinshipwrecks.org/Attractions to answer the following questions. Be sure to check your spelling and capitalization.

1. In which county is the *Albatross* Riverboat Mural? _____

2. On which of the Great Lakes is the Devils Island Lighthouse located? _____

3 a. On which Great Lake is the Wisconsin Maritime Museum located? _____

b. In which city is this museum located? _____

4 a. How many islands make up the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore? _____

b. On which Great Lake is this located? _____

5 a. On what body of water can the Prairie Du Chien Museum be located? _____

b. What fort is located in this historical place? _____

c. How many exhibits can be found in this museum? _____

6 a. This seaworthy attraction is a replica of a nineteenth-century Great Lakes schooner. Located on Lake Michigan near Milwaukee, this tall ship is open to the public. What is the name of this schooner?

b. What is her special mission? _____
