**Route:** a way to go some place

**Example:** I take the same **route** to work every day.



**Prairies:** large areas covered in grass

**Example:** Many farmers grow wheat and corn on **prairies**.



**Canal:** a waterway that links bodies of water together, and is built by people

**Example:** The Soo **Canal** is between Lake Superior and Lake Huron.



**Pioneers:** people who go to live in a new place

**Example:** Many **pioneers** moved to the plains of the Midwest in the 1880s.



**Homesteading:** the government gave land to people who built a farm

**Example:** Some people moved in the 1880s because of **homesteading.**



**Sod:** blocks of dirt with grass growing in it

**Example:** Some people used to build homes from **sod.**



**Population:** the number of people who live in a place

**Example:** The **population** of the Midwest is over 64 million people.



**Assembly line:** each worker does the same job over and over again

**Example:** Cars are made on an **assembly line**.

