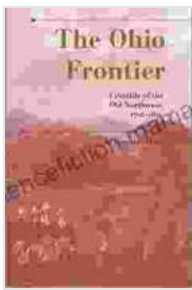


Crucible of the Old Northwest, 1720-1830: A History of the Trans-Appalachian West

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Geography

The Old Northwest Territory was a vast region that encompassed present-day Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota. The region was bounded by the Appalachian Mountains to the east, the Mississippi River to the west, the Great Lakes to the north, and the Ohio River to the south.

The Old Northwest was a land of great diversity. The region's landscape included forests, prairies, wetlands, and rivers. The climate was temperate, with cold winters and hot summers.

Native American Populations

The Old Northwest was home to a variety of Native American tribes. The most prominent tribes included the Shawnee, Miami, Illinois, and Winnebago. These tribes were primarily agriculturalists, and they lived in villages along the region's rivers and lakes.

The Native American tribes of the Old Northwest were skilled warriors. They fought fiercely against European encroachment, and they were often able to defeat the region's early settlers.

European Exploration and Settlement

The first Europeans to explore the Old Northwest were French fur traders. In the early 17th century, these traders established trading posts at Sault Ste. Marie, Michilimackinac, and Green Bay.

In the late 17th century, the French began to settle the Old Northwest. They founded the cities of Detroit, Vincennes, and Kaskaskia. The French also established a number of forts in the region, including Fort Ouiatenon, Fort Wayne, and Fort Dearborn.

The British began to compete with the French for control of the Old Northwest in the early 18th century. In the French and Indian War (1754-1763), the British defeated the French and gained control of the region.

After the French and Indian War, the British began to settle the Old Northwest. They established a number of colonies in the region, including the Illinois Country, the Indiana Territory, and the Michigan Territory.

Political and Economic Development

The political and economic development of the Old Northwest was shaped by a number of factors, including the region's geography, Native American populations, and European exploration and settlement.

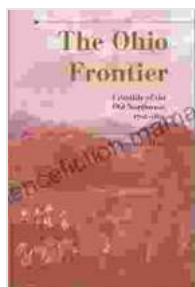
The Old Northwest was a frontier region, and it was often the scene of conflict between Native Americans and European settlers. The region's political and economic development was also influenced by the competing interests of the French, British, and Americans.

In the late 18th century, the American Revolutionaries gained control of the Old Northwest. The region was incorporated into the Northwest Territory, and it was governed by a series of territorial governments.

In the early 19th century, the Old Northwest was divided into a number of states. Ohio became a state in 1803, Indiana became a state in 1816, Illinois became a state in 1818, Michigan became a state in 1837, and Wisconsin became a state in 1848.

The Old Northwest was a major center of agricultural production in the early 19th century. The region's farmers produced a wide variety of crops, including corn, wheat, and soybeans. The Old Northwest was also a major center of manufacturing. The region's factories produced a variety of goods, including textiles, machinery, and iron products.

The Crucible of the Old Northwest, 1720-1830, is a complex and fascinating history of the trans-Appalachian West during the colonial and early national periods. The region's geography, Native American populations, European exploration and settlement, and political and economic development all played a role in shaping the history of the Old Northwest.



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