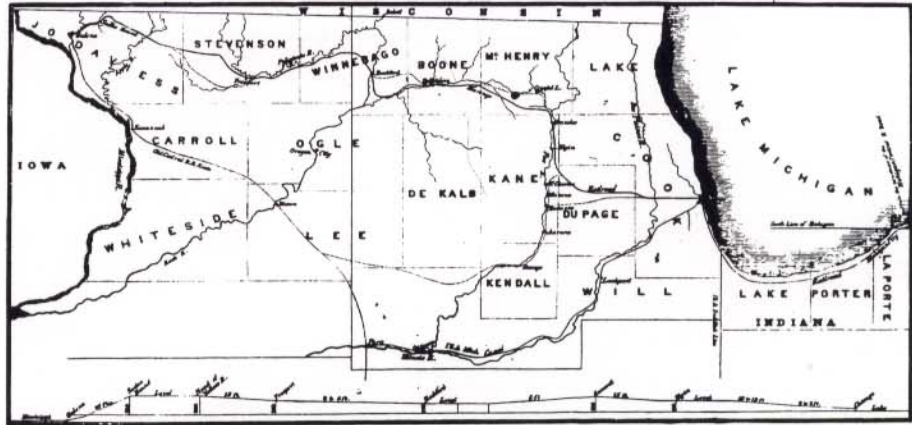


HOW TO LOOK AT OLD MAPS

PEOPLE

1. How can I use the map?
Does it have a key?
2. Are people and their activities evident on the map?
3. How did people use the land? Are cultural features indicated?
4. Who made the map?
Why was it made?
Was it accurate?
5. Do place names provide any clues for my research?



SPACE

1. Where was this place located?
2. Which way is north?
3. How far is one mile on the map?
(or 10 miles, or 100 miles)
4. How was the land divided? How was it used?
5. How did people get from one place to another in this area?

TIME

1. What year does the map represent?
2. When was the map made?
3. Are any changes from an earlier period evident on the map? Compare this map with a current one of the same area.
4. What changes from then until now are evident?

HINT 1

Write down the questions which come to mind as you look at an old map.

HINT 2

Divide the map into sections and make a list of interesting details for each one.

HINT 3

Compare this map with others of the same area or of a similar character.

HINT 4

Relate documents, pictures, and other sources from this period to places on the map.

HINT 5

Use a Xerox copy of the map to mark points of interest.