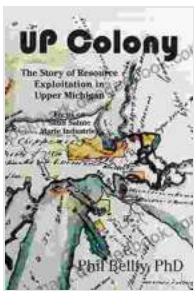


The Story of Resource Exploitation in Upper Michigan: A Focus on Sault Sainte Marie

Upper Michigan has a long history of resource exploitation, dating back to the days of the fur trade in the 17th century. The region's abundant natural resources, including forests, minerals, and water, have attracted industries and settlers for centuries.



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One of the most significant examples of resource exploitation in Upper Michigan is the city of Sault Sainte Marie. Founded in 1668 as a fur trading post, Sault Sainte Marie quickly became a major center of the fur trade. The city's strategic location at the rapids of the St. Marys River made it a vital hub for the transportation of furs and other goods.

In the 19th century, Sault Sainte Marie became a center of the logging industry. The city's sawmills processed vast quantities of timber, which was shipped down the St. Marys River to markets in the United States and Canada.

The logging industry had a significant impact on the environment of Upper Michigan. The clear-cutting of forests led to soil erosion, water pollution, and the loss of wildlife habitat.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Sault Sainte Marie became a center of the mining industry. The city's mines produced iron ore, copper, and other minerals. The mining industry also had a significant environmental impact, including air pollution, water pollution, and the scarring of the landscape.

The resource exploitation in Upper Michigan has had a lasting impact on the region. The environmental damage caused by the logging and mining industries has taken a toll on the region's air, water, and soil quality. The loss of wildlife habitat has also had a negative impact on the region's biodiversity.

In addition to the environmental impacts, the resource exploitation in Upper Michigan has also had a social impact. The boom-and-bust cycles of the logging and mining industries have led to economic instability in the region. The decline of these industries has also led to the loss of jobs and the out-migration of people from Upper Michigan.

In recent years, there have been efforts to mitigate the environmental and social impacts of resource exploitation in Upper Michigan. These efforts

include the cleanup of contaminated sites, the restoration of forests, and the development of new industries.

The story of resource exploitation in Upper Michigan is a complex one. It is a story of both progress and exploitation. The region's natural resources have brought prosperity to many, but they have also come at a cost. It is important to learn from the mistakes of the past and to work together to create a more sustainable future for Upper Michigan.

The story of resource exploitation in Upper Michigan is a reminder that we must be mindful of the environmental and social impacts of our actions. We must use our resources wisely and work to create a sustainable future for ourselves and for generations to come.





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