



Friends of the Rivers, Inc. – Sweet Breeze 3rd / 4th Grade Social Studies Vocabulary

1. **The Confluence** - The location where the St. Marys River and St. Joe Rivers meet and form the Maumee River.
2. **Replica** – A close reproduction of the original; for example, Sweet Breeze and Historic Fort Wayne are replicas.
3. **Portage** – Carrying a boat or goods from the St. Marys River to the Wabash River.
4. **Aqueduct** – The structure that carried the Wabash & Erie Canal over the St. Marys River.
5. **Settlers** – People who move to a new area to find a home.
6. **Native Americans** – First residents of the area; for example, the Miami Tribe.
7. **Canal** – A 40 foot wide water-filled channel that was dug where the boats were pulled by horses/mules on an adjacent towpath.
8. **Wabash & Erie Canal** – The shipping route that linked Lake Erie on the Great Lakes, followed the Wabash River through Indiana and led to the Ohio River, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. The longest canal ever built in North America.
9. **The Great Black Swamp** – The original wetlands between Fort Wayne area and Lake Erie. (Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio)
10. **Watershed** – All the land that drains into a river system.
11. **Docent** – The person that leads the river tour.
12. **Captain** – The person in charge of the boat who steers.
13. **Bow and Stern** – The front and back of a boat.
14. **Packet** – A canal boat that carried people and mail on a regular schedule.
15. **Immigrant** – A person who comes to a country to live.