

# Transportation to the West

## Map Activity Directions

1. Use your textbook or a reference map to locate and label the states and territories outlined on your map. Then locate and label the following:

Lake Erie	Hudson River
Ohio River	Mississippi River
Wabash River	Appalachian Mountains
Cumberland Gap	

2. Locate and label the following cities:

Portland	Philadelphia
Baltimore	Richmond
St. Augustine	St. Louis
Louisville	Nashville
Albany	Buffalo
Toledo	Evansville
Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
New Orleans	

3. Use one color or pattern to show the routes of the following canals:

Erie (Albany to Buffalo)  
Wabash and Erie (Toledo to Evansville)  
Miami and Erie (Toledo to Cincinnati)  
Pennsylvania (Philadelphia to Pittsburgh)

4. Use another color or pattern to show the routes of the following roads:

National Road (Baltimore to St. Louis)  
Coastal Post Road (Portland to St. Augustine)  
Wilderness Road (Richmond to Louisville)  
Nashville Road (Richmond to Nashville)

5. Create a map key for the canal routes and roads in the blank box provided on the map.
6. Using your map, answer the questions on the **back** of these directions.

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### Map Questions

Using your map, answer the following questions:

1. In what direction was the National Road built? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What water systems does the Erie Canal link?

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3. What roads, canals, and rivers would be used to send a shipment from Portland to New Orleans?

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4. What roads, canals, and rivers would be used to send a shipment from Toledo to Louisville?

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5. What roads, canals, and rivers would be used to send a shipment from Buffalo to St. Louis?

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**Critical Thinking:** (Use your map and textbook as a reference.)

6. What kinds of geographical “obstacles” did road and canal builders have to confront?

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7. How might the construction of roads and canals affect the natural geographical features of the lands on which they were built?

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