

# Travel in a Growing Nation

## Time and Change

1. Turn to pages 44–45 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at pictures B and D. Use the information to answer the following questions.
  - a. When was the steamboat invented? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What was the fastest and cheapest way to travel in the early 1800s?  
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  - c. What was the main overland method of travel until the 1830s? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What new overland method of transportation improved travel in the 1840s?  
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## People and Their Environments

2. Look at map A, “Natural Waterways.” List the waterways that would be used to complete a journey between each pair of cities.
  - a. Boston to Baltimore \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. New York to St. Louis \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. New Orleans to Pittsburgh \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Savannah to Providence \_\_\_\_\_

## Links Far and Near

3. Look at map A and map C, “A Network of Canals.” Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Before 1825 there was no way to travel by water across New York State between New York City and Buffalo.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Canals connected the Great Lakes with several rivers leading to the Mississippi River.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Canals allowed boats to cross Pennsylvania.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Most canals were built in the North.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Canals linked the James River with the Ohio River.

### Places, Regions, and Landscapes

4. Look again at map C. Match two places that were connected by a canal.

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| a. Illinois River • | • Cleveland         |
| b. Albany •         | • Lake Michigan     |
| c. New Haven •      | • Connecticut River |
| d. Ohio River •     | • Juniata River     |
| e. Philadelphia •   | • Buffalo           |

### Gathering the Facts

5. Look at map E, “Travel Time From New York City.” Write the time it would take in 1830 to get from New York City to the following cities.

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| a. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | _____ |
| b. Buffalo, New York          | _____ |
| c. New Orleans, Louisiana     | _____ |
| d. St. Louis, Missouri        | _____ |
| e. La Crosse, Wisconsin       | _____ |

### ★ History Through Maps

6. Look at map F, “Mismatched Railroads.” Use the information on the map to complete the following journal entry.

We started out in Boston and traveled along a track \_\_\_\_\_ wide to New York. We needed to get to Philadelphia so we \_\_\_\_\_ trains. The new track was an inch and a half wider. Once in Philadelphia, we switched trains to get to Cincinnati. The track was the same \_\_\_\_\_, or width, as the one we took from Boston to New York. Once in Cincinnati, we realized we would need to go to St. Louis. So we switched trains to one with a gauge of \_\_\_\_\_ . After a few days in St. Louis, we decided to travel west to Kansas City. We started on a track \_\_\_\_\_ wide. Later we switched to a track that was almost \_\_\_\_\_ inches narrower. Kansas City was as far \_\_\_\_\_ as we could go by train.