

THE ERIE CANAL

What do you know about the Erie Canal?

During the 18th and 19th century, there was a need for more advanced ways of trade and travel in the United States. One method of travel, by waterway, had proved successful in other parts of the world. The **Erie Canal** was America's answer to the need for **transportation** across New York and by the turn of the 19th century, construction went on its way.



After the Erie Canal was completed, many cities on the canal benefited from the **trade route**. Despite costing millions of dollars, the Erie Canal was a valuable venture in the long run and is still in use today.