

PROMPT 1

Context:

CONTEXTUALIZATION: As Francis Lowell and Samuel Slater revolutionized a new factory system in the North, Eli

Whitney and other prime inventors were creating tools to transform the cotton plantations of the South.

The conjunctive forces of these two creations

created a greater dependence on materials like

cotton. Meanwhile, many Irish and German immigrants

were coming to the United States due to unsound

conditions in the immigrants' home countries.

All of these factors played a role in the demand for

new means and more quantity of transportation

in the United States. Economically, this transportation

increased the commercial strength of the North and

made the U.S. more self-sufficient, while socially

transportation allowed for a widespread of news

and for farmers and the impoverished to have

a more active role in society.

THESIS

Mini thesis one: Economically, new modes

of transportation impacted the U.S. economically

by allowing for more intracontinental trade and

less dependence on foreign imports.

outside evidence

• Erie Canal

• Vanderbilt & the steamboat

• National Road

Mini Thesis Two: Transportation transformed

the United States socially by allowing for

more widespread interaction and allowing