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Chapter 11: The Nation Grows and Prospers
Section 2: Americans Move Westward – Pages 337-341

Determining Importance:

Read the chapter and summarize the main idea of each of the following sections in 2 sentences.

Traveling West: _____

Improvements to Roads: _____

Steam Transportation: _____

The Canal Boom: _____

Key Terms:

Circle the word that best completes each sentence below. Many answers are not bolded words.

- ① Private companies built gravel and stone roads called (freeways **or** turnpikes). People paid a fee to ride on these well-maintained roads.
- ② In swampy areas, roads were made of logs and were known as (corduroy roads **or** swamp bridges). These roads kept wagons from sinking into the mud.
- ③ In 1806, Congress approved a (National Road **or** Interstate System) from Maryland to West Virginia. This allowed settlers to move west quicker and easier.
- ④ (Locomotives **or** steamboats) revolutionized travel in the west in the 1800's. Goods and people could be moved faster than ever before.
- ⑤ Henry Shreve designed a (flat-bottomed **or** 600 horsepower) steamboat that could carry heavy loads in shallow rivers.
- ⑥ Americans (built railroads **or** dug canals) to make travel faster between rivers and lakes. This connected western farmers to eastern markets.