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

Traveling West: ____________________________________________________________
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Improvements to Roads: ____________________________________________________
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Steam Transportation: ______________________________________________________
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The Canal Boom: __________________________________________________________
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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.