SS.912.A.5.11 – Great Depression and New Deal – Example 6 Answer

A major reason for creating the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in 1933 was to
a. build and manage a turnpike in the valley
b. provide health care benefits for southerners
c. encourage African Americans to settle in the valley
d. improve economic conditions in a poor rural region

Answer

d. improve economic conditions in a poor rural region

The *Tennessee Valley Authority* (TVA) is a federally owned corporation in the United States created by congressional charter in May 1933 to provide navigation, flood control, electricity generation, fertilizer manufacturing, and economic development in the Tennessee Valley, a region particularly affected by the Great Depression. The enterprise was a result of the efforts of Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska. TVA was envisioned not only as a provider, but also as a regional economic development agency that would use federal experts and electricity to rapidly modernize the region's economy and society.