SS.912.A.3.2 - Industrial Revolution - Example 9 Answer

What was an immediate effect of the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825?

a. Prices increased for food products along the Atlantic Coast.
b. Farmers could more easily ship grain to eastern markets.
c. A territorial conflict began with Canada over the Great Lakes.
d. Railroads were forced to reduce their shipping rates.

Answer

b. Farmers could more easily ship grain to eastern markets

The 'Transportation Revolution' of the early 1800's saw the growth of canals (such as the Erie Canal of New York State), turnpikes (toll roads constructed by many states) and later into the 1830's and 1840's rail. This encouraged regional specialization among the Northern, Southern and Western regions of the nation, as goods, crops and manufactured items flowed more easily between areas.