

# The American System

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### The Erie Canal Video Notes

1. The Canal was \_\_\_\_\_ mi long, 40 feet wide & 4 feet deep.
2. Construction began in \_\_\_\_\_ and it was open for business in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It demonstrated that we were a nation controlling our own \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Now that trains, cars, & planes are available, the canal is use more for \_\_\_\_\_?
5. What does a lock do?
6. Why aren't pumps required?
7. How do you request passage through a lock?
8. Why should the crew wear gloves?
9. 15 miles might take a car 15 mins. In a canal, how long could it take?
10. In the song, who is Sal?

Make-up: print out both pages copy the notes onto the worksheet. You may copy the video questions from a classmate

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### The American System:

- series of projects meant to help make the U.S. economically self-sufficient

### Cumberland Road:

- 1<sup>st</sup> road built by the federal gov't (1815 – 1818)
- Ran from Cumberland, Maryland to Wheeling, West Virginia
- 66 foot wide, 12 – 18in deep roadbed
- made w/ shovels & pick axes, filled w/ crushed stone
- also called the National Road
- made transportation easier, thus helped the economy
- 1833 expanded to Ohio, 1850 to Illinois
- Total 600 miles long Baltimore, MD to Vandalia, IL