

Invention or Innovation	Political, Economic, or Social Effect(s)
Toll roads	Expanded transportation routes
Steamboats	Allowed faster travel, shipping, and upstream movement
Canals	Expanded transportation routes; improved commerce by linking farms to cities; opened new regions to settlement
Railroads	Cost less to build than canals and could move farther and faster, and carry more weight; connected East and West
Textile mills	Provided jobs; increased the speed of producing textiles
Interchangeable parts	Made possible the efficient production of a wide range of manufactured goods