



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 8-2

A System of Transportation

Directions: Reading for Accuracy Reading the section and completing the activity below will help you learn more about how changes in transportation helped the nation to expand. Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank, and if a statement is false, rewrite it correctly on the line.

_____ 1. In the first census, taken in 1790, the population of the United States was about 4 million.

_____ 2. Turnpikes were built by the government, which charged travelers tariffs to repay the national debt.

_____ 3. The National Road eventually stretched from New York City to St. Louis, Missouri.

_____ 4. The success of the National Road led to an explosion of road-building projects by the government.

_____ 5. A problem with river travel was that most rivers flowed in a north-south direction, but most people wanted to travel in an east-west direction.

_____ 6. Robert Fulton developed a steamboat with an engine powerful enough to carry cargo and passengers upriver.

_____ 7. Shipping goods became faster but more expensive using steamboats.

_____ 8. The Erie Canal was built to connect the Hudson River to Lake Michigan.

_____ 9. Separate compartments where water levels are raised or lowered are called locks.

_____ 10. Teams of animals hauled boats and barges through the canals.
