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What city becomes a boomtown because of the Erie Canal?

Rochester's population and businesses grew so quickly it became the first "boomtown," like the later frontier towns in the west. By 1834, Rochester was an established city. See images of new and expanded industries along the Canal.

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What two cities did the Erie Canal connect?

Erie Canal, historic waterway of the United States, connecting the Great Lakes with New York City via the Hudson River at Albany.

What were two positive things that happened as a result of the Erie Canal?

The Erie Canal had many positive effects. It opened up trade in the Midwest, as farmers now had a cheaper way to get their goods to markets. The canal put many people to work, most notably Irish immigrants. It also gave Albany and Buffalo an economic boost.

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