Social studies · Grade 5

Transportation from 1820 to 1905

Compare transportation by water and by rail.

Name _____ Date _____

Read or look closely

In the 1800s, boats move goods on waterways. In 1825, the Lachine Canal opens to allow boats to bypass the rapids. Rail lines expand during the century and connect places far from navigable waterways.

Your turn

1. Why does the Lachine Canal open to boats?

2. What kind of transportation uses rails?

3. How could a railway help a village far from a waterway?

4. Name one thing both kinds of transportation can do.