The Erie Canal: U.S. Waterways Connecting Cities

Using your knowledge of the geography of the United States, and/or other maps for reference:

1. Identify the waterways indicated on the map below.

   A. ____________________________
   B. ____________________________
   C. ____________________________
   D. ____________________________
   E. ____________________________
   F. ____________________________
   G. ____________________________
   H. ____________________________
   I. ____________________________

2. Using the map above, find the number that identifies the cities listed below and write that number next to their name in the list.

   Brooklyn, NY ____________________________
   Rhinebeck, NY ____________________________
   Rochester, NY ____________________________
   Syracuse, NY ____________________________
   Troy, NY ____________________________
   Stamford, CT ____________________________
   Boston, MA ____________________________
   Cleveland, OH ____________________________
   Detroit, MI ____________________________
   Chicago, IL ____________________________
Case Study: The Andrews Organ Company

In Utica, New York in 1834, a man named Alvinza Andrews, with the help of his son George, started a factory to make pipe organs for churches. The Andrews made more than 300 organs during the 67 years the company was in business. These large, elaborate, and carefully crafted musical instruments were made at a rate of between four and five a year. They were shipped to communities around New York State, as well as, cities in Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Ohio, via water routes because of the factory’s location near the Erie Canal.

Using your answers from the previous page, write the names of the waterways that the boats which carried the pipe organs would have traveled between the Andrews Organ factory in Utica and the churches in the cities that purchased pipe organs.

1. Utica to Brooklyn, NY _____________________, _____________________ and _____________________
2. Utica to Rochester, NY ___________________________
3. Utica to Rhinebeck, NY __________________________ and __________________________
4. Utica to Syracuse, NY ______________________________
5. Utica to Troy, NY ______________________________
6. Utica to Stamford, CT ______________________, ___________ and ______________________
7. Utica to Boston, MA ______________________, ___________ and ______________________
8. Utica to Cleveland, OH ______________________, ___________ and ______________________
9. Utica to Detroit, MI ______________________, ___________, ___________, and ______________________
10. Utica to Chicago, IL _____________, ____________, __________, and __________
11. To which city did the pipe organs travel the farthest? ___________________________