The Erie Canal: Changing the Map of Our Nation

Map of the United States, “Done by the City of New York to accompany the Memoir of Cadwallader D. Colden,” 1825, Albany Institute of History & Art Library
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Map of New York State with profile of the Erie Canal, “Done by the City of New York to accompany the Memoir of Cadwallader D. Colden,” 1825, Albany Institute of History & Art Library
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Look closely at the maps on the previous pages. Based on what you see and the information you read on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor’s website (http://www.eriecanalway.org/learn_history-culture.htm), answer the questions below.

1. What two bodies of water does the Erie Canal connect?
   1. ____________________________________________
   2. ____________________________________________

2. In what city does the Erie Canal begin in the east? ____________________________________________

3. In what city does the Erie Canal end in the west? ____________________________________________

4. Name two geographic features that had to be overcome to build the canal:
   1. ____________________________________________
   2. ____________________________________________

5. Identify two ways in which the Erie Canal was a benefit to New York State’s business and industry
   1. ____________________________________________
   2. ____________________________________________