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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the new sentence and the passage that follows. Click on the square [...] that marks the best position for the sentence.

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- 1 Look at the four squares [...] that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

**The Canal project employed many people and was enormously difficult.**

*Click on the square [...] that marks the best position for the sentence.*

#### Glossary

**aqueducts:** waterways made of stone blocks

The Erie Canal was built in 1817 to provide a quicker and cheaper way to transport goods. It was the greatest construction project of its time, and its progress was followed in European and American newspapers. [...] In several locations the soil contained clay that constantly soaked up water. Workers turned the clay over and over in their hands until the water was contained inside. [...] They dug through a hill, laying the canal 30 feet below the surface. They also built up a 70-foot hill through a valley. [...] One great feat was the construction of **aqueducts**. The Genesee River flooded every year, so workers built an aqueduct 800 feet long and another that ran 3,000 feet and reached as high as 30 feet above the ground. [...] On heavily populated sections, bridges crossing the canal were built every quarter mile. Despite the difficulty, when the Erie Canal finally opened in November 1825, it was the cheapest and most efficient way to travel.