

Midterm Examination POLI 100K

Railroads and American Politics

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1. What are the major sources (i.e., commodities, products, etc., not geography) of railroad freight traffic? What are their roles in the economy?

2. What were the major management innovations of the Pennsylvania Railroad?

3. What is the most fundamental difference between a railroad and a canal (or highway)? How did it affect the operation of a railroad?

4. What was the economic *and* political importance of the Erie Canal? Specifically, what effect did it have on New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore?