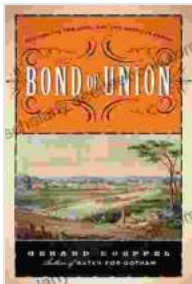


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The Construction of the Erie Canal

The Erie Canal was built between 1817 and 1825. It was a massive undertaking, involving the excavation of over 400 miles of canal bed and the construction of 84 locks. The canal was built by a workforce of over 10,000 laborers, who worked in difficult and dangerous conditions.

The Erie Canal was a major engineering achievement. It was the longest canal in the world at the time of its completion, and it was the first canal to use a system of locks to raise and lower boats. The canal was also a major economic success. It reduced the cost of transporting goods between the East and West by half, and it helped to fuel the growth of the American economy.

The Erie Canal and the Westward Expansion

The Erie Canal played a vital role in the westward expansion of the United States. It provided a means of transporting settlers and supplies to the frontier, and it helped to open up the West to settlement. The canal also made it possible to transport agricultural products from the West to the East, which helped to feed the growing population of the United States.

The Erie Canal was a major factor in the westward expansion of the United States. It helped to make the West more accessible, and it helped to fuel the growth of the American economy. The canal was a major achievement in American engineering, and it played a vital role in the development of the United States.

The Erie Canal Today

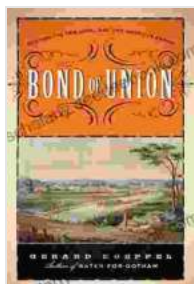
The Erie Canal is still in use today. It is a major transportation route for both commercial and recreational traffic. The canal is also a popular tourist destination, and it is home to a number of historic sites.

The Erie Canal is a reminder of the ingenuity and determination of the American people. It is a major feat of engineering, and it played a vital role in the development of the United States. The canal is a national treasure,

and it is still an important part of the American economy and transportation system.

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