This worksheet is to compliment the social studies class airing on WCNY Global from June 8th to June 11th at 10:30 am. After that week the program can be accessed at www.wcny.org/tvclassroom. Look under On Demand.

Answer these questions as you watch the program:

1. What mountain chain kept early settlers from travelling west?____________________________
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2. It’s easiest to build a canal on flat, low land. On this topographic map, the lowest land is the darkest gray. Trace a line showing the best route for a canal from Albany to Lake Erie, following the dark gray low land.

3. What are some of the cities that are located on the canal’s route?________________________
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Mapping New York and the Erie Canal

After Video

On this map, draw and label these important places in New York State using these symbols:

- For Waterways
- For Mountains
- For Cities

**Mountains (Brown)**
- Adirondacks
- Catskills

**Cities (Red)**
- New York City
- Albany
- Syracuse
- Rochester
- Buffalo

**Waterways (Blue)**
- Atlantic Ocean
- Lake Ontario
- Lake Erie
- Hudson River
- Finger Lakes
- Erie Canal