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## Working with Maps:

### Map: United States

Locate New England, and then Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Discuss why it would be important to get your goods to other parts of the world and how this could happen. Locate Worcester and Providence.

What does Worcester need to become a port city? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is it possible for Worcester to become a port city? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Map: Town of Worcester 1795

Observe what Worcester looked like. Examine the streets.

Do any of these streets still exist and if so are their names still the same?

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Which road would have been the most traveled? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why were they named this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Map: Worcester in 1829

The Blackstone Canal has now been open for one year.

Has much changed from the previous map? \_\_\_\_\_

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What might have caused this change? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Working with Maps (page 2)

What might have changed as a direct result of the canal? \_\_\_\_\_

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Examine where the canal basin and the canal were located. Was it necessary to put it in the center of town? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Map: Worcester in 1840

The Blackstone Canal has now been in operation for eleven years. What has changed from the previous map? \_\_\_\_\_

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What could these changes mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there other things that could have changed in Worcester that are not seen on this map? \_\_\_\_\_

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If the Blackstone Canal affected businesses in downtown Worcester, would surrounding towns be affected? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it take to show that the Blackstone Canal was a benefit to Worcester and central Massachusetts? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Working with Maps (page 3)

#### Map: Blackstone River Valley Map (current)

Examine the map, what does it show? \_\_\_\_\_

Follow the route of the Blackstone Canal/River, and observe which towns does it wanders through. Locate the path of the Blackstone Canal, which is designated as a pink line when it leaves the river. The Providence & Worcester Railroad bought the land of the canal's tow path to use for its tracks.

Does the map show this? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Map: The Blackstone Canal in Worcester (current)

Explore the differences in this map with the 1829, 1840 and 1848 maps.

What has changed? \_\_\_\_\_

Although the canal no longer exists in downtown Worcester, does it continue to affect Worcester (streets, highways, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Map: Satellite image of Worcester in 1995

Locate the Blackstone Canal (its route has been drawn over the satellite image). Can you locate local landmarks such as the Worcester Common Outlets, Union Station, and highway (I-290)?

Do you think Worcester could recreate the canal? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where would it be located? \_\_\_\_\_



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### Working with Maps (page 4)

Does the city need a canal? \_\_\_\_\_

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If the canal was recreated, how might it benefit Worcester? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why may it not be a good idea to build a new canal? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Maps: All of them

What can we tell about Worcester by looking at these maps? \_\_\_\_\_

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