2a According to this chart, how many days did it take to ship freight from New York City to Buffalo using the Erie Canal? [1]

Score [ ]

b Using information from the chart, state *two* economic advantages of using the Erie Canal instead of dirt roads to transport freight during the canal era. [2]

(1) __________________________________________

Score [ ]

(2) __________________________________________

Score [ ]
The Effects of the Cotton Gin

... After the invention of the cotton gin, the yield of raw cotton doubled each decade after 1800. Demand was fueled by other inventions of the Industrial Revolution, such as the machines to spin and weave it and the steamboat to transport it. By midcentury America was growing three-quarters of the world’s supply of cotton, most of it shipped to England or New England where it was manufactured into cloth. During this time tobacco fell in value, rice exports at best stayed steady, and sugar began to thrive, but only in Louisiana. At midcentury the South provided three-fifths of America’s exports — most of it in cotton.

However, like many inventors, [Eli] Whitney (who died in 1825) could not have foreseen the ways in which his invention would change society for the worse. The most significant of these was the growth of slavery. While it was true that the cotton gin reduced the labor of removing seeds, it did not reduce the need for [use of] slaves to grow and pick the cotton. In fact, the opposite occurred. Cotton growing became so profitable for the planters that it greatly increased their demand for both land and slave labor. In 1790 there were six slave states; in 1860 there were 15. From 1790 until Congress banned the importation of slaves from Africa in 1808, Southerners imported 80,000 Africans. By 1860 approximately one in three Southerners was a slave. . . .

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2a According to Joan Brodsky Schur, how did the cotton gin contribute to the growth of the United States economy? [1]

b According to Joan Brodsky Schur, what was one negative impact of the cotton gin on American society? [1]
2a Based on this document, state one effect the cotton gin had on cotton production. [1]

Score

b Based on this document, state one effect the cotton gin had on the growth of slavery. [1]

Score
1b Based on this chart, what was one way that control of the port of New Orleans affected the United States economy? [1]
Document 6a

This poster advertised a wheat harvesting machine, one of many McCormick farm machines.

![Poster of wheat harvesting machine](image)


Document 6b

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Source: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1901

6 According to these documents, what impact did technology have on agricultural production in the United States? [1]