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Part 4. Geographic Factors in U.S. Expansion

On the 1840 GIS map, turn on three more layers: “Rivers,” “Major Railroad Lines,” and “Biggest Cities Population” layers. Pretend you are a research assistant for a famous historian in the early 1800s. In her next book, the historian would like to argue that:

the river systems and railroad lines in the US were major factors in the settlement patterns of early American cities, because rivers and railroads were the primary means of trade and transportation at the time.

Using your observations from the 1840 GIS map, provide three sentences that would help support your historian’s argument:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

