

**POLI 100K RAILROADS
2010 MIDTERM STUDY QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is the most fundamental difference between a railroad and a canal (or highway)? How did it affect the operation of a railroad?**
- 2. What were the major management innovations of the Pennsylvania Railroad?**
- 3. What are the major sources of railroad freight traffic? What are their roles in the economy?**
- 4. What was the economic *and* political importance of the Erie Canal? Specifically, what effect did it have on New York City, Philadelphia, and Baltimore?**
- 5. What are the major advantages of shipping heavy freight by railroads as opposed to trucks?**
- 6. What railways were known as the “Trunkline Railroads” and what was their economic importance? How did they change the flow of freight traffic from the Ohio River and Mississippi River valleys?**